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For the Mermaid Princess

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"Read from Left to Right"

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Note on the characters' names:

Baek Jangmi Baek means white. Jangmi means rose. Baek is a common last name.

Lee Seulbi Iseul (which is the way Lee Seul would be pronounced) means dew. Bi means rain. Together they mean drizzling rain.

A Word from the Author

I entered the manhwa industry a long time ago and have published many works. With the coming of the new millennium, I've been offered a chance to republish a few selected works of mine.

This is the third publication of 'For the Mermaid Princess'. It is also 10 years since it was first published.

Unlike historical works, manhwas with contemporary settings have weaknesses when republished. The fact that time has passed is cruelly obvious. There is a saying, "Ten years change rivers and mountains." We are now in a period when even that saying has become obsolete. It is true I was reluctant to reintroduce this ten-year-old series in an era when change occurs so rapidly, but I decided to publish again because this work best represents my youthful emotions and stories. The contents were changed the second time it was published, including the order of the chapters at the beginning and end. Back then, I thought it was an improvement, but, in retrospect, I think the first way was better. Now, in this third edition, it is back to the way it was the first time. Because I was trying to be contemporary at the time I first wrote it, you might see old-fashioned settings and phrases. Please be understanding and read on...

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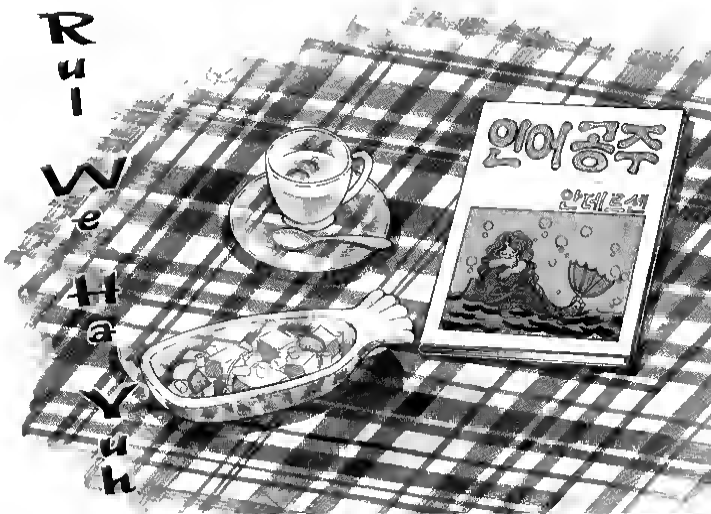

1990, Taegu

Prologue:
The Beginning for the End

TONGDAEGU STATION
Tongdaegu Station
Nemang
Reservations for Lunar New Year Tickets
Happy New Year
Jungah Jungah Pottery
ELECTRIC BLANKETS
Someone once asked me, 'What is your favorite flower?'
I answered Forget-Me-Not'. It means, don't forget me. Then I laughed.
Destination. Pusan Gate 5
Destination. Seoul Gate 7 8

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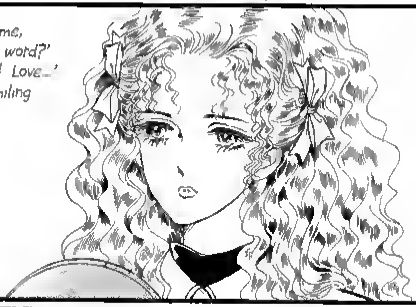
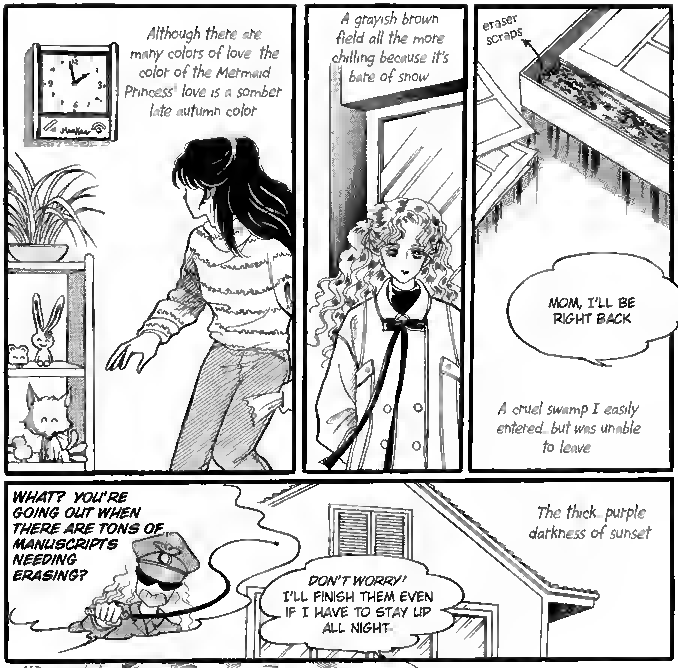
Then he asked me,
'What is the most poignant book you've ever read?' and I answered 'The Little Metmaid', by Hans Christian Andersen. Laughing I added 'But I don't want the role of the Metmaid Princess.'

Lastly he asked me,
'What is your favorite word?'
'Ah that would be love! Love...'
I answered still smiling



Because he said he liked my smiling face. I just kept smiling like a child

I only kept on smiling!


Although there are many colors of love the color of the Mermaid Princess' love is a somber late autumn color
A grayish brown field all the more chilling because it's bare of snow
eraser scraps
MOM, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK
A cruel swamp I easily entered but was unable to leave
WHAT? YOU'RE GOING OUT WHEN THERE ARE TONS OF MANUSCRIPTS NEEDING ERASING?
DON'T WORRY! I'LL FINISH THEM EVEN IF I HAVE TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT.
The thick purple darkness of sunset

Useless waiting

sadness.
tears.
Therefore I was always cold... alone... and longing for...
TAXI
JANGMI, IT'S TIME TO GO TO THE TICKET COUNTER.
ELECTRIC BLANKET HUMIDIFIER.
I nonchalantly stuck my hand into the blowing winds. Taken aback, I quickly withdrew it
Have a nice trip

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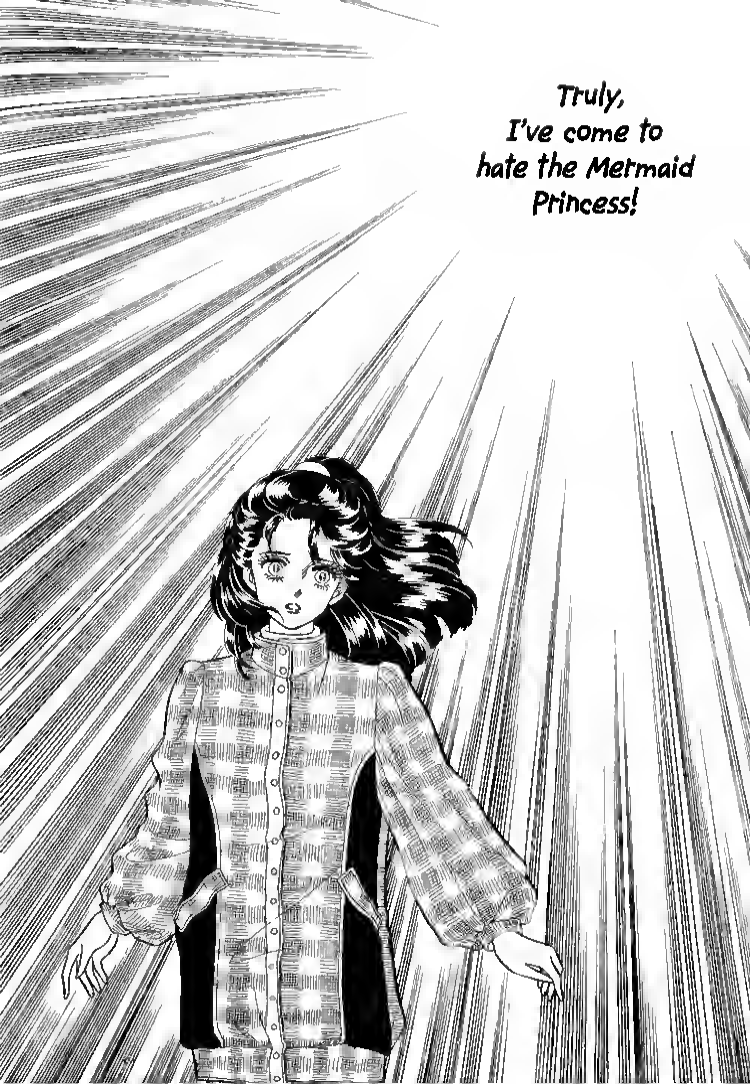
*NOTE: SINGER FROM THE SEVENTIES. BETTER KNOWN AS JUST MELANIE.

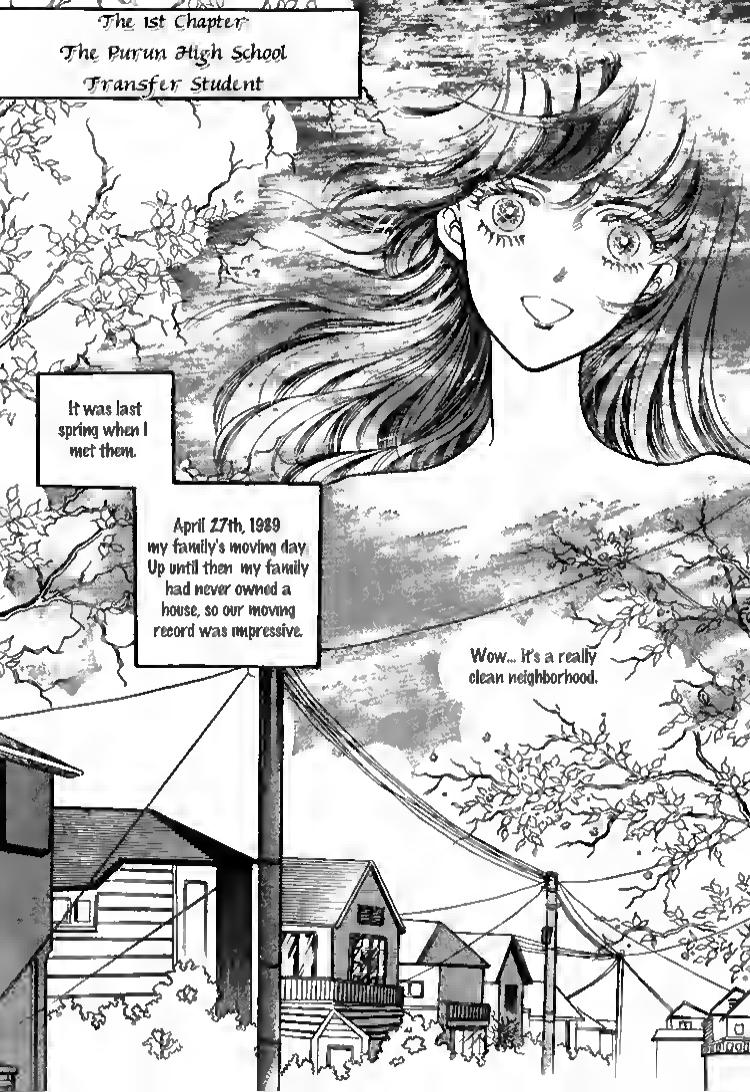
Although I remember the alley with the wind and the faint whistling sound now I've come to crave Lethe* more.
chhh
I no longer understand what a smile is.

*NOTE: RIVER OF FORGETFULNESS IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY


Truly,
I've come to
hate the Mermaid
Princess!

Hoooohooo~

That was the last I heard from Jangmi.
Ah... How should I explain this? Our spring, summer, fall, winter—
My ability to explain is so childish and clumsy.
In that year... Jangmi (older by two years) and I were both young, immature, and full of dreams. And Jiwon... Ji... won...


The 1st Chapter
The Purun High School
Transfer Student
It was last spring when I met them.
April 27th, 1989
my family's moving day.
Up until then my family had never owned a house, so our moving record was impressive.
Wow... It's a really clean neighborhood.

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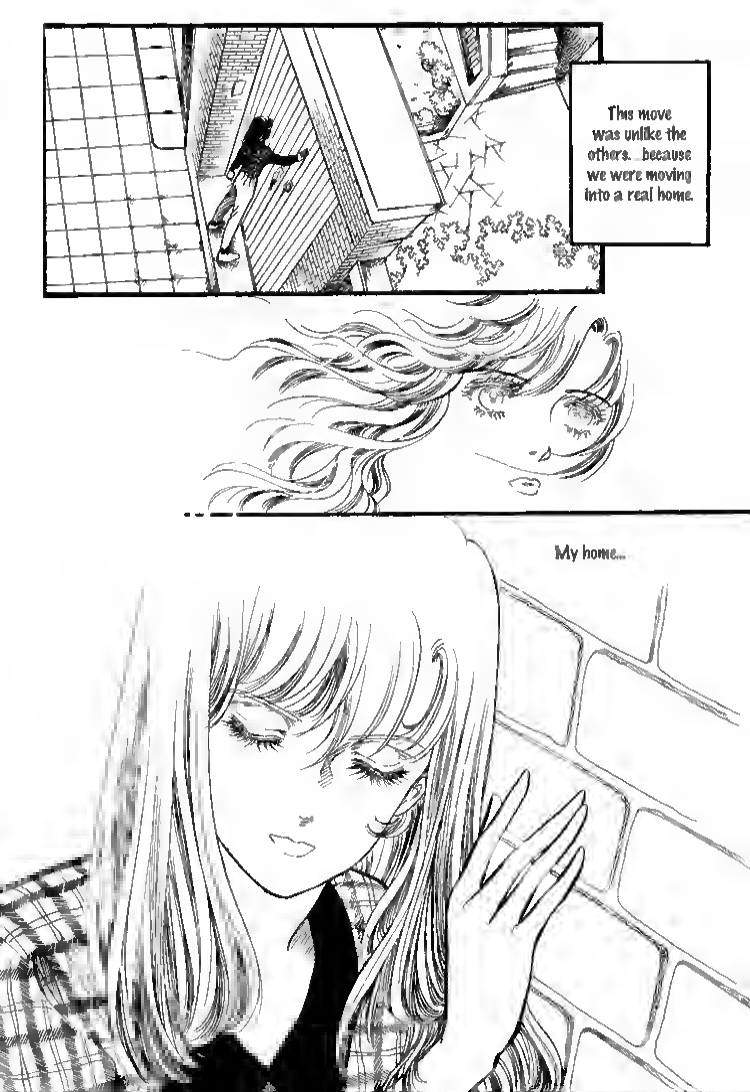
Even I, the youngest in my family, had moved ten times before.
Anyway, because of that, I had changed schools at least six times, and my moving skills were completely professional


This move was unlike the others...because we were moving into a real home.
My home...

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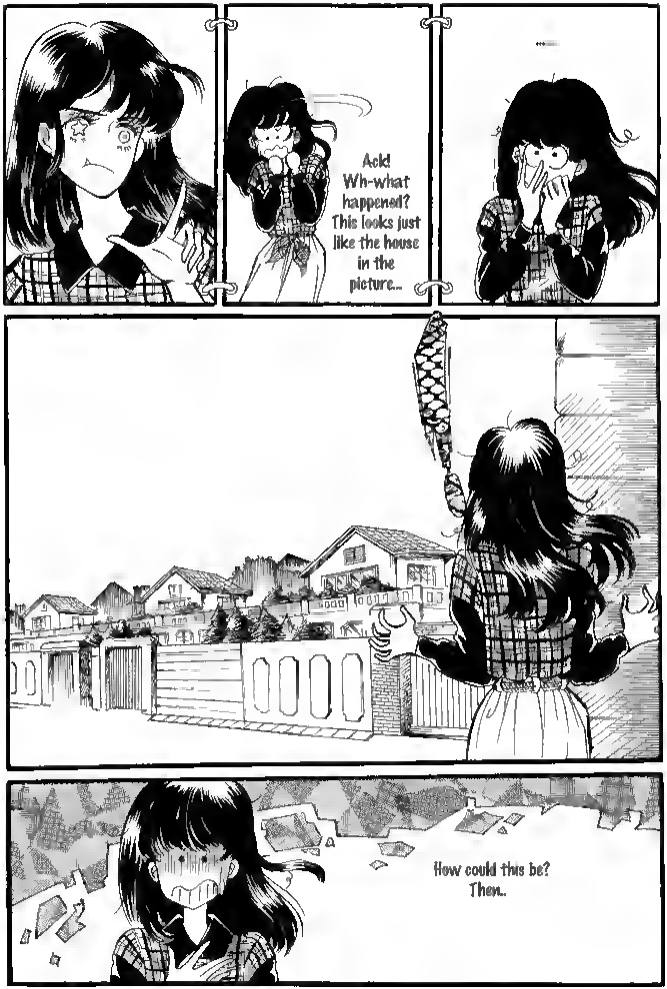
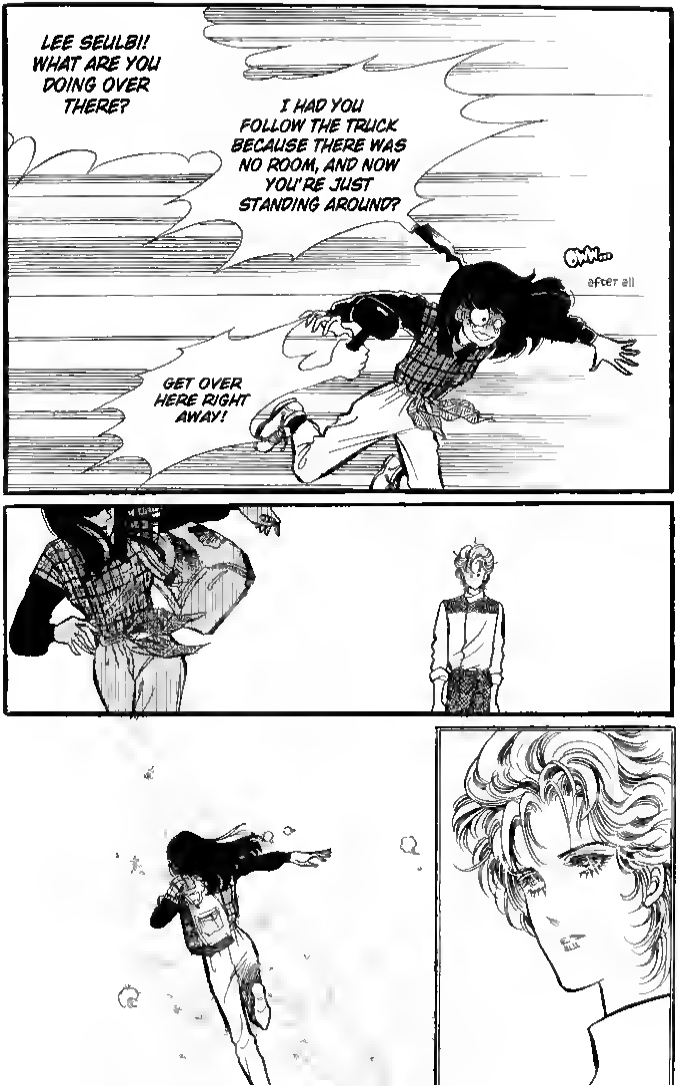
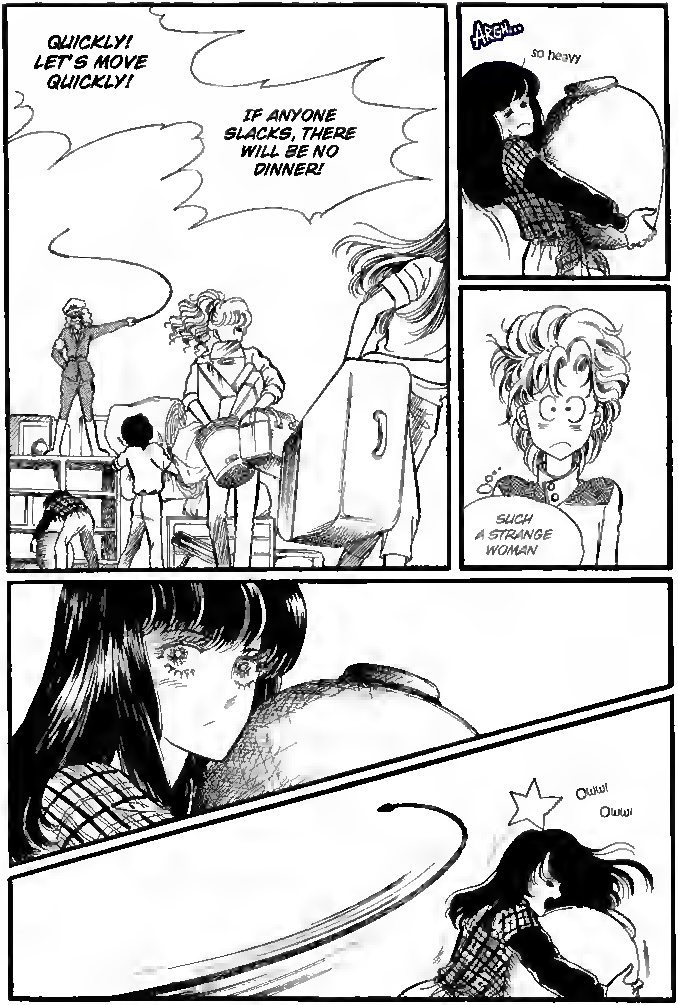
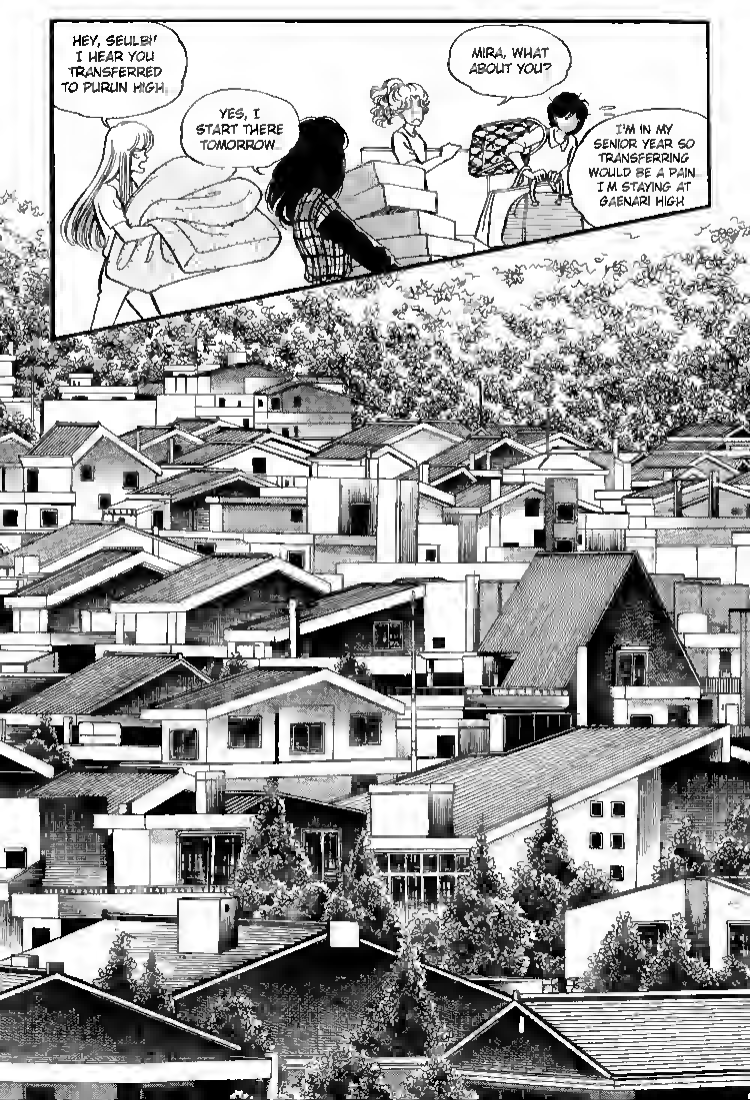

Ack! Wh-what happened? This looks just like the house in the picture...
How could this be? Then..


LEE SEULBI!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
I HAD YOU FOLLOW THE TRUCK BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM, AND NOW YOU'RE JUST STANDING AROUND?
Ohhhh...
after all
GET OVER HERE RIGHT AWAY!


QUICKLY! LET'S MOVE QUICKLY!
IF ANYONE SLACKS, THERE WILL BE NO DINNER!
so heavy
SUCH A STRANGE WOMAN
Ouuu!
Ouuu!

YOU'VE BEEN DISTRACTED ALL DAY!
SWISH
YOU WANT TO BE WHIPPED?
Darn after already hireing me...
That must hurt.
HEY! IF YOU AREN'T GOING TO HELP, GET LOST!
IS IT A NEIGHBOR? ISN'T HE HANDSOME? TALL, TOO...
YEAH.
I HOPE WE STAY HERE FOR A WHILE... I'M SICK AND TIRED OF MOVING
REALLY! EVERYWHERE WE GO, PEOPLE MAKE A FUSS AND END UP ASKING US TO MOVE
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF MOM. SHE'S ALWAYS SHOUTING. THE NEIGHBORS ARE FORCED TO CALL THE POLICE BECAUSE OF THE NOISE
SHH! SHE MIGHT HEAR YOU
RAMEN
STOP CHATTERING AND GET MOVING!


HEY, SEULBI! I HEAR YOU TRANSFERRED TO PURUN HIGH.
YES, I START THERE TOMORROW.
MIRA, WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'M IN MY SENIOR YEAR SO TRANSFERRING WOULD BE A PAIN. I'M STAYING AT GAENARI HIGH.

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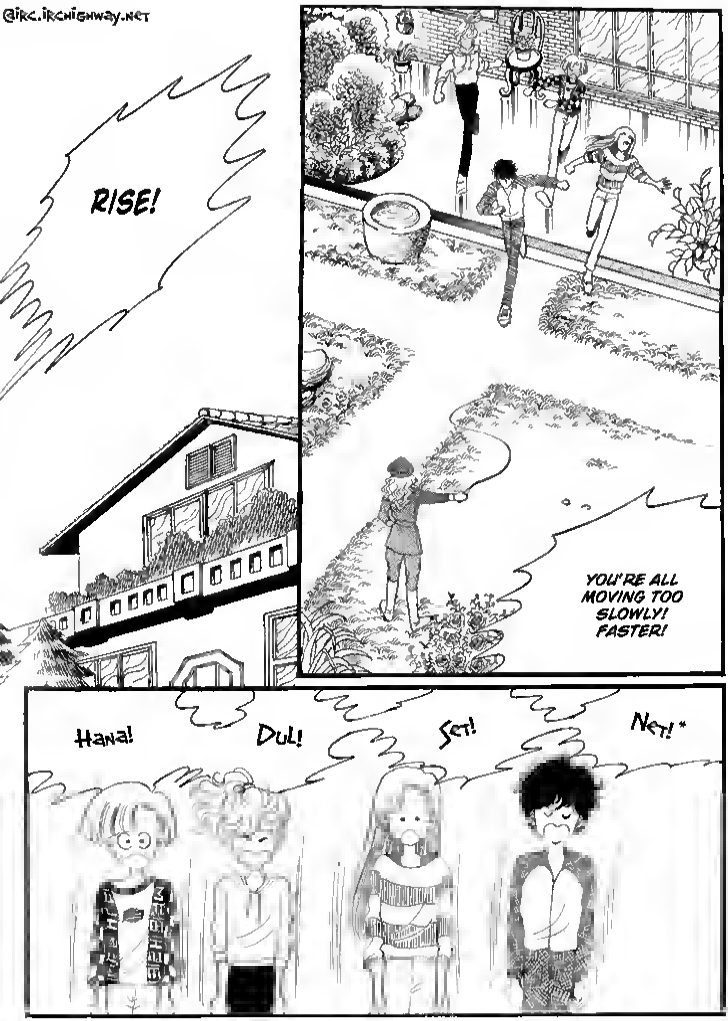
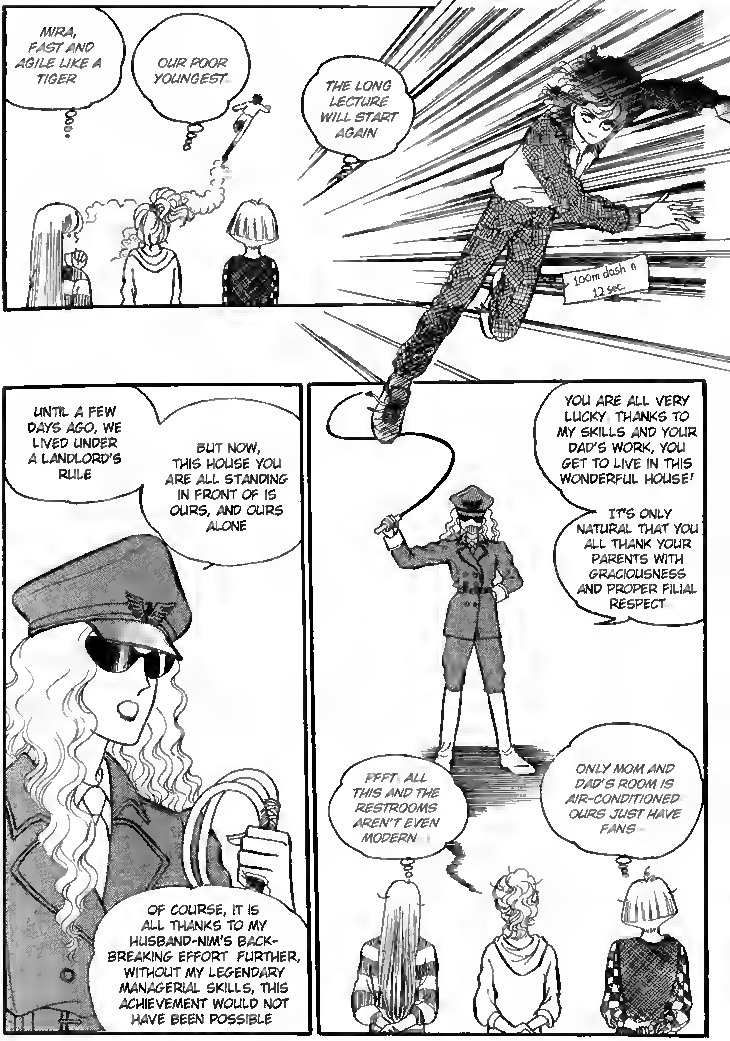


*NOTE. COUNTING - ONE! TWO! THREE! FOUR!

HMM. I DON'T SEE THE YOUNGEST ONE.
REALLY? WHAT HAPPENED?
TODAY'S THE DEADLINE, SO SHE ERASED AND INKED ALL NIGHT. AND SHE WAS ALREADY TIRED FROM MOVING.
HARDLY ANY SLEEP FOR HER. WE WERE ABLE TO DOZE WHEN MOM WASN'T LOOKING.
SNZP
SILENT~
MIRA, GO CAPTURE THE YOUNGEST ONE, ALIVE
YES, UMAMAMA*!
STRAIGHT

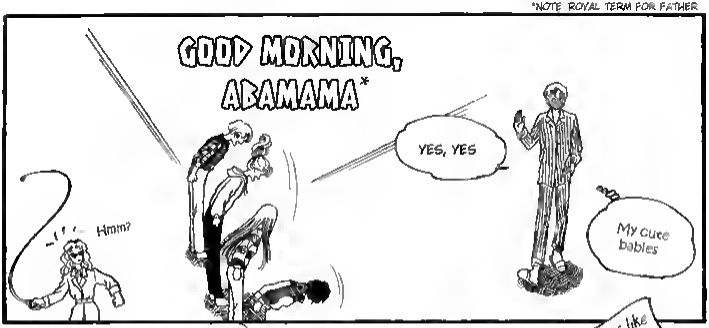
*NOTE: ROYAL TERM FOR MOTHER


MIRA, FAST AND AGILE LIKE A TIGER
OUR POOR YOUNGEST
THE LONG LECTURE WILL START AGAIN
100m dash 12 sec
UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO, WE LIVED UNDER A LANDLORD'S RULE
BUT NOW, THIS HOUSE YOU ARE ALL STANDING IN FRONT OF IS OURS, AND OURS ALONE
OF COURSE, IT IS ALL THANKS TO MY HUSBAND-NIM'S BACK-BREAKING EFFORT FURTHER, WITHOUT MY LEGENDARY MANAGERIAL SKILLS, THIS ACHIEVEMENT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE
YOU ARE ALL VERY LUCKY. THANKS TO MY SKILLS AND YOUR DAD'S WORK, YOU GET TO LIVE IN THIS WONDERFUL HOUSE!
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT YOU ALL THANK YOUR PARENTS WITH GRACIOUSNESS AND PROPER FILIAL RESPECT
FFFT. ALL THIS AND THE RESTROOMS AREN'T EVEN MODERN
ONLY MOM AND DAD'S ROOM IS AIR-CONDITIONED. OURS JUST HAVE FANS

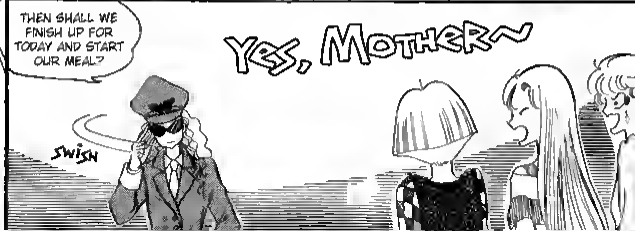
COME HERE.
WA!
WA!
WA!
Please, I beg of you. Let me sleep for just one more minute.
I didn't sleep at all last night because of all the erasing and inking.
drag drag
I CAPTURED HER ALIVE, UMAMAMA!
GOOD JOB, MIRA. GO BACK TO YOUR POSITION.
salute
Jab Jab
MOM, I'LL GET UP AT DAWN FROM NOW ON. PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR TODAY. PLEASE?
Sniff
Sniff
SILENCE! THE WORD 'EXCEPTION' IS NOT IN MY DICTIONARY!
SNAP

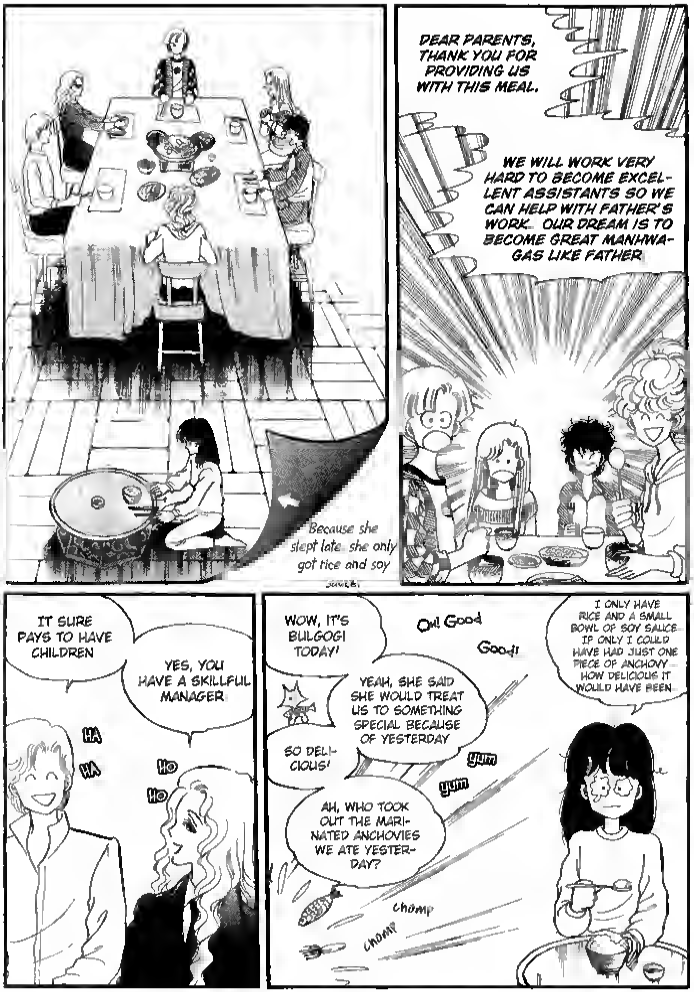
SLEEP IS THE GREATEST ENEMY OF THE MANHWAGA! IF YOU SLEEP ONLY 4 HOURS, YOU'RE A BEST SELLING AUTHOR! IF YOU SLEEP 5 HOURS, YOU'LL ALWAYS REMAIN AN ASSISTANT. DON'T YOU KNOW THAT BY NOW? AND YOU CALL YOURSELF THE DAUGHTER OF A MANHWAGA?
crack
crack
crack
crack
GET OUT! GET OUT RIGHT NOW!
I'M SO ASHAMED THAT MY NEIGHBORS KNOW I HAVE SUCH A LAZY, SLEEPING SLUG FOR A DAUGHTER! YOU LACK DISCIPLINE! STARVE FOR TODAY!
Please, just kill me.
Can she really be our mom?
Maybe she's actually a step-mother
I heard nine-tailed foxes are good at shape shifting... sniff
Honey, coffee, please.
OH, IT'S DAD
EROGEN

*NOTE: ROYAL TERM FOR FATHER



WHY DID YOU WAKE UP SO EARLY?
Mom, who is like an angel to Dad
I'M HUNGRY LET'S EAT
DON'T CRY, YOUNGEST YOU'RE SAVED NOW.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OKAY TO BEAT HER MORE
SNIFF SNIFF
GOSH, THAT MUST HAVE HURT!




Because she slept late, she only got rice and soy
DEAR PARENTS, THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING US WITH THIS MEAL.
WE WILL WORK VERY HARD TO BECOME EXCELLENT ASSISTANTS SO WE CAN HELP WITH FATHER'S WORK. OUR DREAM IS TO BECOME GREAT MANHWAGAS LIKE FATHER.
IT SURE PAYS TO HAVE CHILDREN
YES, YOU HAVE A SKILLFUL MANAGER
HA
HA
Ho
Ho
WOW, IT'S BULGOGI TODAY!
Oh! Good
Good!
YEAH, SHE SAID SHE WOULD TREAT US TO SOMETHING SPECIAL BECAUSE OF YESTERDAY
SO DELICIOUS!
yum
yum
AH, WHO TOOK OUT THE MARINATED ANCHOVIES WE ATE YESTERDAY?
chomp
chomp
I ONLY HAVE RICE AND A SMALL BOWL OF SOY SAUCE. IF ONLY I COULD HAVE HAD JUST ONE PIECE OF ANCHOVY... HOW DELICIOUS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN.

I'M GOING TO SCHOOL NOW!
DON'T GET DISTRACTED! COME RIGHT HOME AFTER CLASS! WE NEED TO DRAW A FIRST FRAME!
MIRA UNNI, YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THE BUS, RIGHT? MAY I BORROW YOUR BICYCLE?
NO
BUT MOM DIDN'T GIVE ME BUS FARE BECAUSE I SLEPT IN. HMM? PLEASE! JUST THIS ONCE?
NO!
THEN... LEND ME FIVE CENTS?
No!

FINE!
As you have probably noticed, I'm from a manhwaga family. My hard-working father only focuses on work. My mother rules her daughters like a dictator.
Dad: Popular manhwaga, Lee Sanghyung
When Mom was in a military nursing school, Dad was an Army private
Mom: Dad's manager. A very aggressive person with trademark sunglasses. She rules her children with the whip.
Nicknames: Spartan trainer. Slave merchant. Queen Nero. Hitlia (Hitler Junior). Military dictator.

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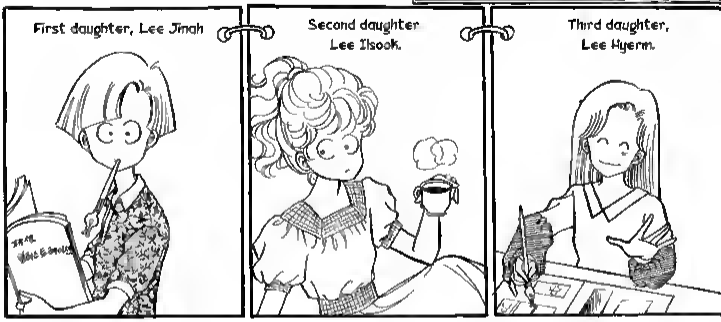
Our family's 5 daughters (princesses).

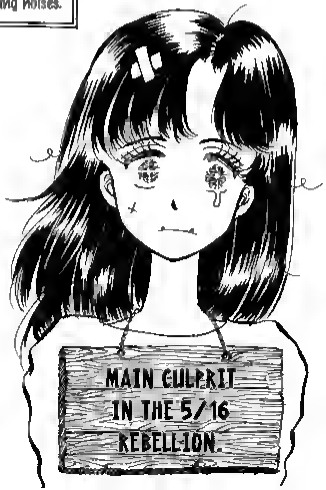
At home, we are responsible for helping Dad. Mom and Dad both favor my older sisters because they have manhwaga talents. The youngest two are not talented at all. So Mira unni's job is cutting screen tones (good with knives), and I do erasing and inking.



Fourth daughter, Lee Mira (high school senior), ranked in Kung Fu.

On days when there are mistakes in the manuscripts, the whole neighborhood can hear the dreadful whipping noises.

The Fifth, Lee Seulbi (1st year high school student)



NOTE: *COMBINATION OF WONDER WOMAN AND A FAMOUS SUPER ROBOT...

According to Jinah unni, I've been raised with an unusually large amount of whipping.. because I've spilled so much ink.
My sisters think it's amazing I'm still alive after all that beating. They call me 'Girl of Miraculous Strength.' And sometimes 'Wonder Super Taekwon V'*.
When I hear those kinds of things, somehow it makes me want to cry tears of sorrow.
HER BODY MUST BE MADE OF IRON! STILL FINE AFTER ALL THAT WHIPPING? IS SHE LIKE ROBOCOP?
NO, IT'S MORE LIKE MIGHTY KING KONG HULK!
WONDER SUPER TAEKWON V!
My personality is introspective, just like the main character in a girls manhwa, but when faced with injustice, I get strength like Robot Taekwon V.

Still, I've never used this strength at home. The unbreakable rule in the manhwa world is absolute obedience to your seniors. Since I'm the youngest, I can't help being the weakest.

Once, after watching a TV show called 'Rebel', I attempted a revolution... but I was beaten into a flat squid. (5/16 Rebellion Incident)

nod nod

Now, at my house, there is only obedience.

BAM

Okay

Looks around

At seventeen, I'm deaf, dumb and blind. I'm just sticking around because I can't run away.

My dad and big sisters are kind to me. The only exception is Mira unni. One of my wishes is for her to marry first.

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BAM
Damn! A rock blocking my way when I'm in a hurry.
I ACCIDENTALLY FELL ASLEEP
tap
tap
groggg

WHAT TIME IS IT?
GASP
.....!
What? It was a person?
IT'S FIVE TO EIGHT
WHAT?
I'M TARDY!
ME, TOO!
Yes definitely tardy
But who am I? I'm Cho Jongin.
Such a glorious name! A man
of tenacity who makes the
impossible possible.

Tardy? Never!
SFX: SPRINT
GOAL!
Th-that's...
huff huff
Eeek!

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THIS IS TOO MUCH! RABBIT JUMPS? I WORE A SKIRT JUST FOR TODAY AT MY LAST SCHOOL, THEY LET ME GO AFTER JUST A COUPLE OF WHACKS ON MY HANDS...
HANA!
DUL!
WHEN SOMEBODY RUNS LIKE A LEOPARD WITH SUPERNATURAL POWER...

snicker
blush
OH, MY GOD!
?
YOU DON'T NEED TO LOOK AT ME SO PITIFULLY
eleven...
twelve...

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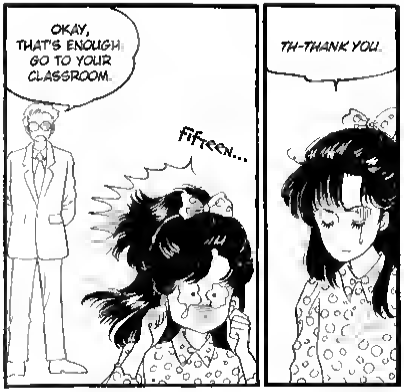

And so my Purun High School life started with a tardy

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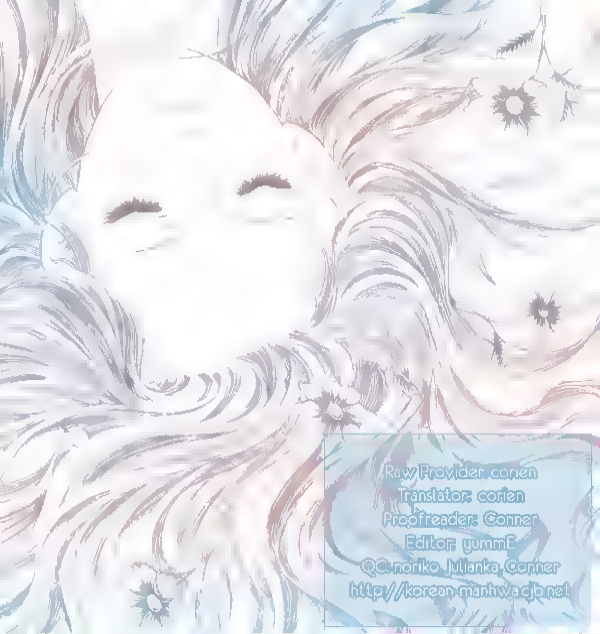
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CHAPTER 2: NEW MEETING

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THE DREADED MATH CLASS...
DO YOU THINK THIS ANSWER IS RIGHT?
DON'T YOU NEED TO GET THE VALUE OF COSINE ALPHA FIRST, AND THEN USE THE HALF-ANGLE FORMULA?
$\sin^2\frac{\alpha}{2}=\frac{1-\cos\alpha}{2}$
$\cos^2\alpha=\frac{1+\cos\alpha}{2}$
$\tan^2\frac{\alpha}{2}=\frac{1-\cos\alpha}{1+\cos\alpha}$
THIS IS HOW YOU GET THE CORRECT ANSWER.
YOU GO STAND OVER THERE, TOO
TO GET RESULTS STUDY DURING BREAKS
STUDENTS ARE NOT HUMAN. THEY MUST STUDY WHEN THE TEACHER TELLS THEM TO.
THIS WEEK'S GOAL: STUDY UNTIL WE DIE
STUDY HARD!
NEXT PROBLEM #4 COME UP AND SOLVE IT
MATH II-2
GASP
WHEW

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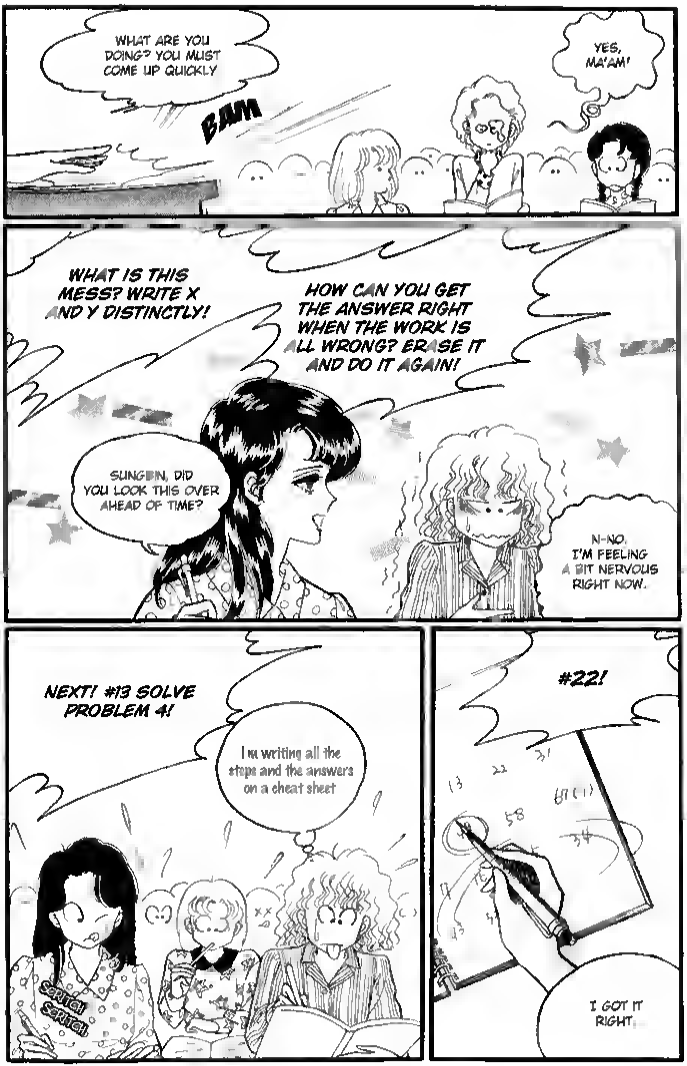
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU MUST COME UP QUICKLY
BAM
YES, MA'AM!
WHAT IS THIS MESS? WRITE X AND Y DISTINCTLY!
HOW CAN YOU GET THE ANSWER RIGHT WHEN THE WORK IS ALL WRONG? ERASE IT AND DO IT AGAIN!
SUNGEUN, DID YOU LOOK THIS OVER AHEAD OF TIME?
N-NO. I'M FEELING A BIT NERVOUS RIGHT NOW.
NEXT! #13 SOLVE PROBLEM 4!
I'm writing all the steps and the answers on a cheat sheet
Scratch Scratch
#22!
I GOT IT RIGHT!

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YOU'RE #51 AREN'T YOU? DON'T WORRY, YOU WON'T BE PICKED TODAY
REALLY?
THE TEACHER IS CALLING EVERY 9TH PERSON. SO IT GOES 4, 13, 22, 31, 40, 49, 58, 67...
WE ONLY HAVE 62 STUDENTS, SO INSTEAD OF 67, IT STARTS OVER WITH 7. THEN 16, 25, AND SO ON.
NEXT, #31
NEXT, #40
THIS WORKS! SEUL'S! I'M IMPRESSED. YOU AREN'T GOOD AT MATH, BUT YOU SURE FIGURED THIS OUT.

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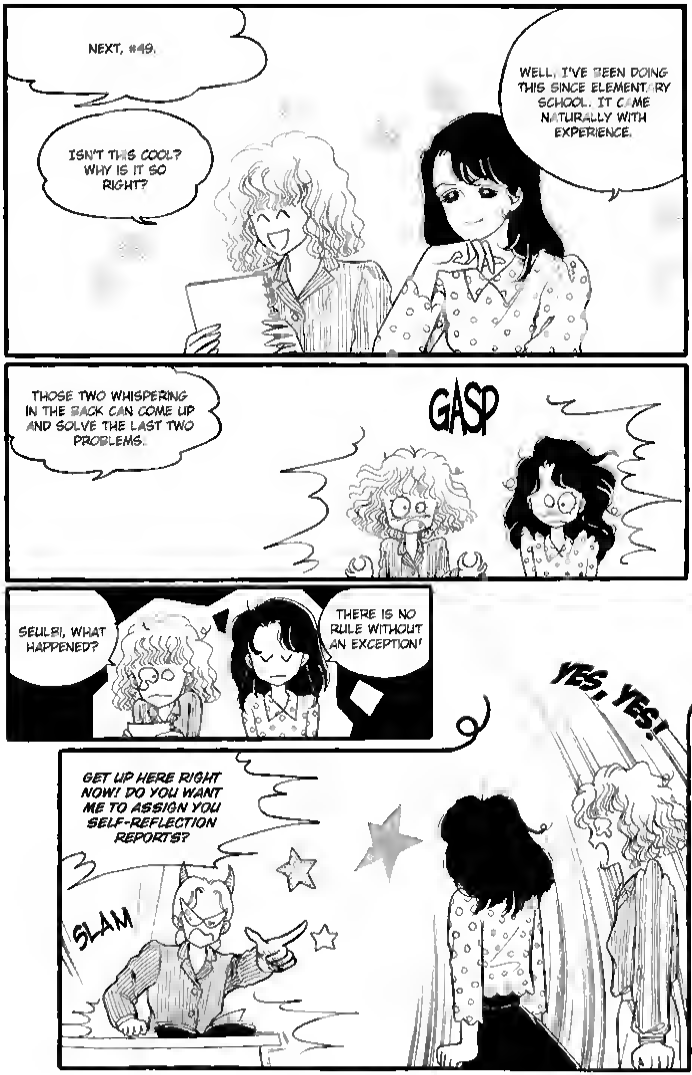
NEXT, #49.
ISN'T THIS COOL? WHY IS IT SO RIGHT?
WELL, I'VE BEEN DOING THIS SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IT CAME NATURALLY WITH EXPERIENCE.
THOSE TWO WHISPERING IN THE BACK CAN COME UP AND SOLVE THE LAST TWO PROBLEMS.
GASP
SEULGI, WHAT HAPPENED?
THERE IS NO RULE WITHOUT AN EXCEPTION!
YES, YES!
GET UP HERE RIGHT NOW! DO YOU WANT ME TO ASSIGN YOU SELF-REFLECTION REPORTS?
SLAM

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RRRRRRING
THE BELL RANG, MA'AM!!!
HMM... I'LL MAKE THOSE TWO PROBLEMS HOMEWORK.
TAP
YOU PEOPLE STANDING IN THE HALL PREPARE A 10 PAGE SELF-REFLECTION REPORT BEFORE THE NEXT CLASS!
RISE!
BOW!

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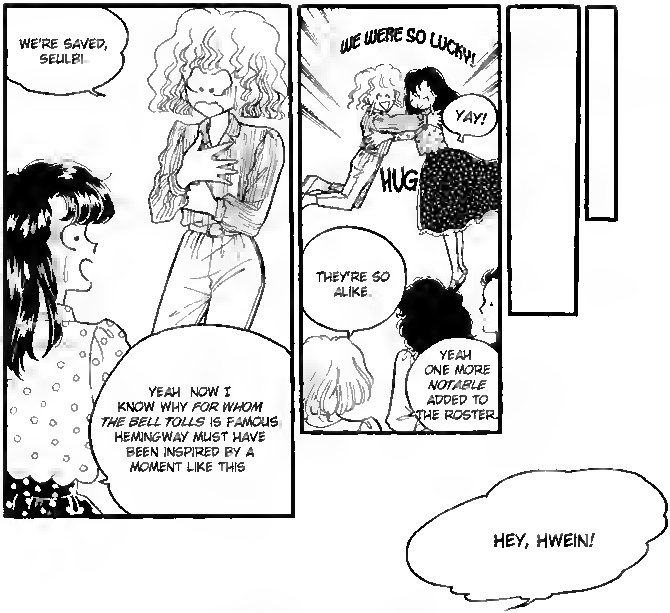
WE'RE SAVED, SEULBI!
YEAH. NOW I KNOW WHY FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS IS FAMOUS. HEMINGWAY MUST HAVE BEEN INSPIRED BY A MOMENT LIKE THIS
WE WERE SO LUCKY!
YAY!
HUG
THEY'RE SO ALIKE.
YEAH. ONE MORE NOTABLE ADDED TO THE ROSTER.
HEY, HWEIN!

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HYUKJIN.
ARE YOU GOING HOME THIS EARLY? WHAT, NO SOCCER PRACTICE?
I HEARD YOU DID WELL ON THIS LAST TEST, TOO
I'M SO PROUD YOU'RE MY FRIEND, MAN!
HRG
YEAH, THE COACH IS GETTING MARRIED TODAY, SO WE GET THE DAY OFF.
DUDE! HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE THE LAST TEST? AND YET YOU'RE STUDYING AGAIN? THIS IS MAY!
SNATCH
DON'T YOU KNOW DEVELOPING SOCIAL SKILLS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN STUDYING?
Even I know the things I say don't make sense.
MAY IS THE TIME WHEN YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF NATURE AND DREAM OF A HOPEFUL FUTURE. IT'S THE FAULT OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU THAT OTHER STUDENTS HAVE TO STUDY SO HARD AND GET NO REST. CAN'T YOU TAKE A LITTLE RESPONSIBILITY?
AH, OK, OK I WON'T READ IT

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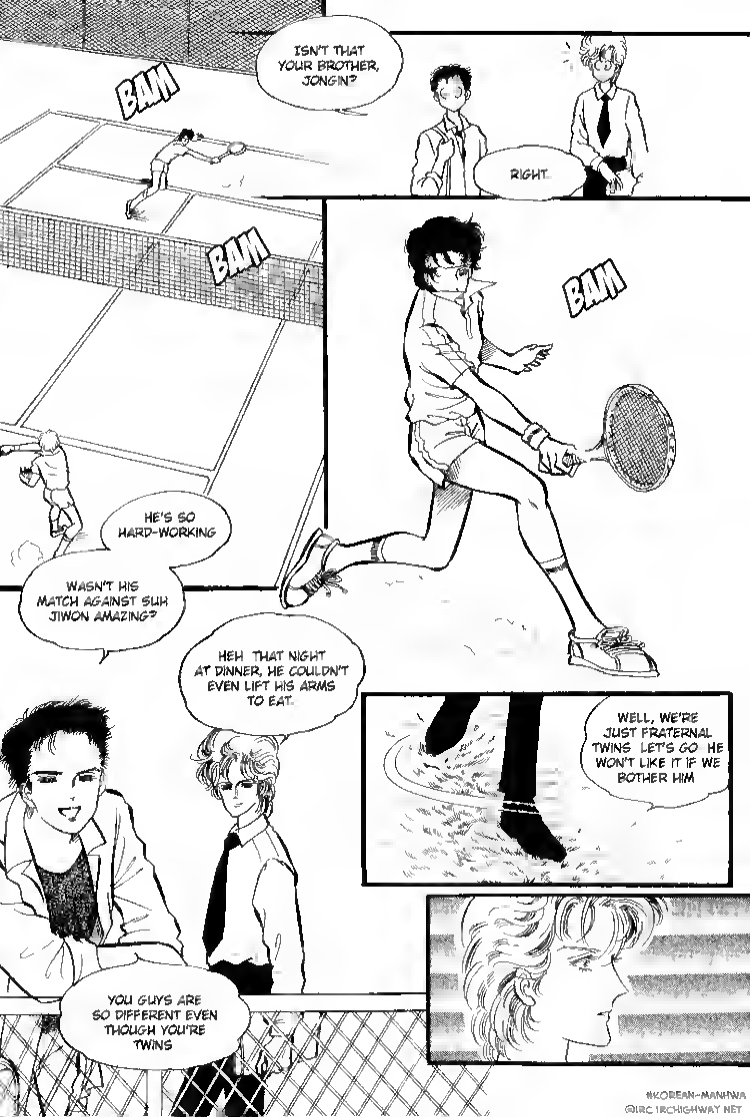
ISN'T THAT YOUR BROTHER, JONGIN?
RIGHT.
BAM
BAM
BAM
HE'S SO HARD-WORKING
WASN'T HIS MATCH AGAINST SUH JIWON AMAZING?
HEH. THAT NIGHT AT DINNER, HE COULDN'T EVEN LIFT HIS ARMS TO EAT.
WELL, WE'RE JUST FRATERNAL TWINS. LET'S GO. HE WON'T LIKE IT IF WE BOTHER HIM
YOU GUYS ARE SO DIFFERENT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE TWINS

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Isn't she..?
She transferred to our school
THAT GUY IS OUR SCHOOL'S SECOND NOTABLE. CHO JONGIN. EVERYBODY CALLS HIM MAN OF TENACITY.
PURUN
UH... I'VE BEEN WONDERING. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY NOTABLE?
OH, YOU SEE... IT REFERS TO THE THREE MOST FAMOUS PEOPLE IN OUR SCHOOL. WE JUST CALL THEM THE THREE NOTABLES.
THEY AREN'T LIKE ONE ANOTHER IN ANY WAY EXCEPT MAYBE FOR THEIR COMPETITIVE SPIRIT.

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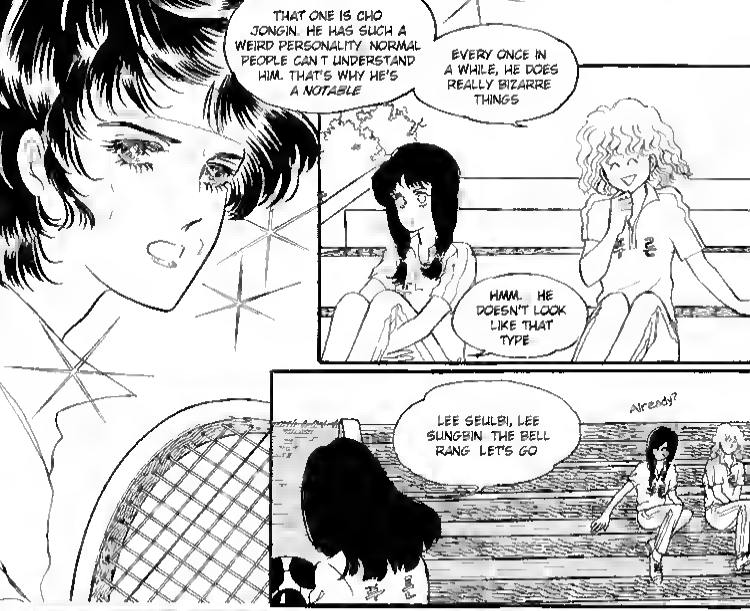
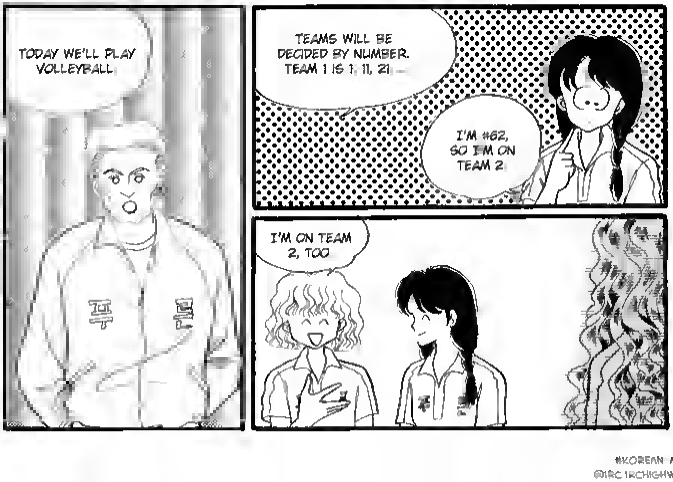

THAT ONE IS CHO JONGIN. HE HAS SUCH A WEIRD PERSONALITY. NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T UNDERSTAND HIM. THAT'S WHY HE'S A NOTABLE
EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, HE DOES REALLY BIZARRE THINGS
HMM. HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT TYPE
LEE SEULBI, LEE SUNGBIN. THE BELL RANG. LET'S GO
Already?



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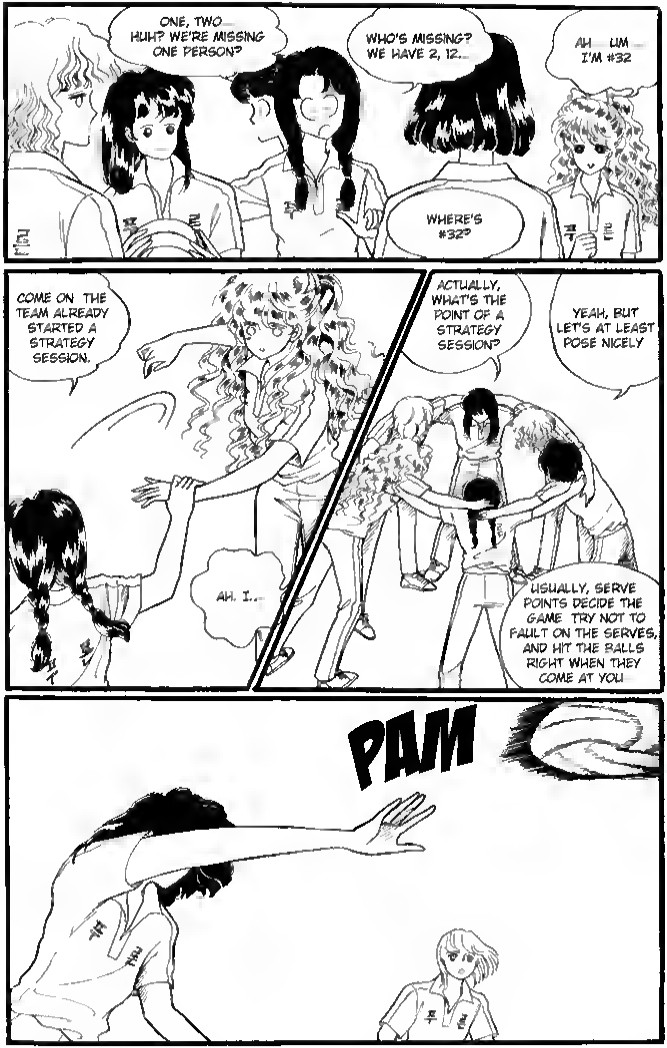
ONE, TWO... HUH? WE'RE MISSING ONE PERSON?
WHO'S MISSING? WE HAVE 2, 12...
AH... UM... I'M #32
WHERE'S #32?
COME ON. THE TEAM ALREADY STARTED A STRATEGY SESSION.
AH. I...
ACTUALLY, WHAT'S THE POINT OF A STRATEGY SESSION?
YEAH, BUT LET'S AT LEAST POSE NICELY
USUALLY, SERVE POINTS DECIDE THE GAME. TRY NOT TO FAULT ON THE SERVES, AND HIT THE BALLS RIGHT WHEN THEY COME AT YOU
PAM

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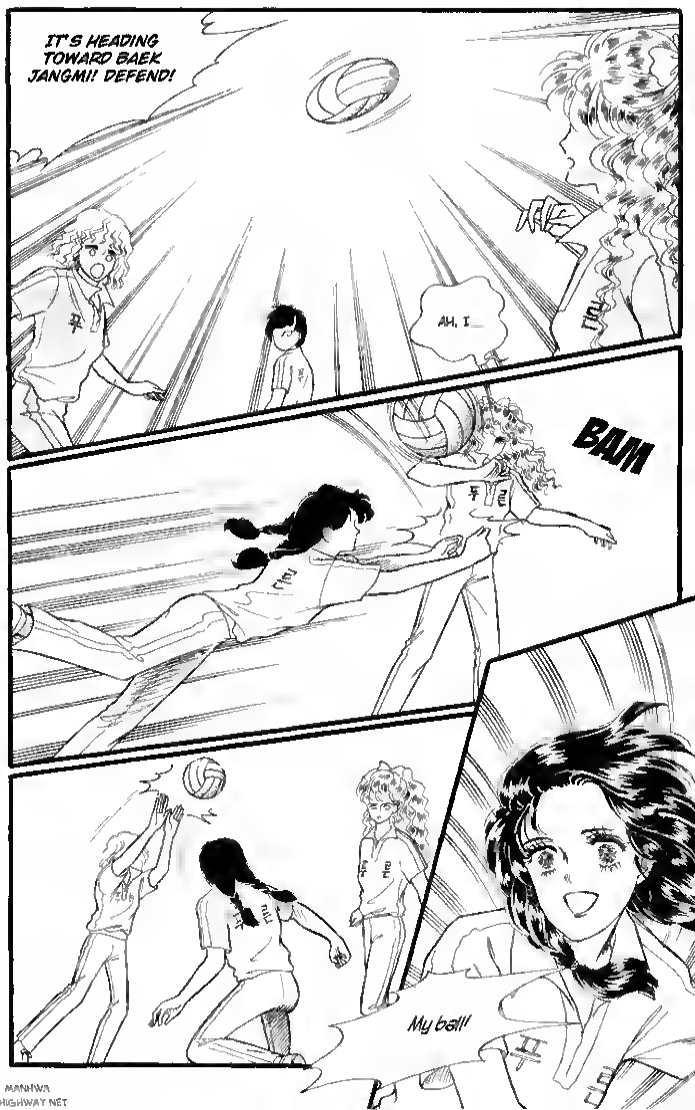

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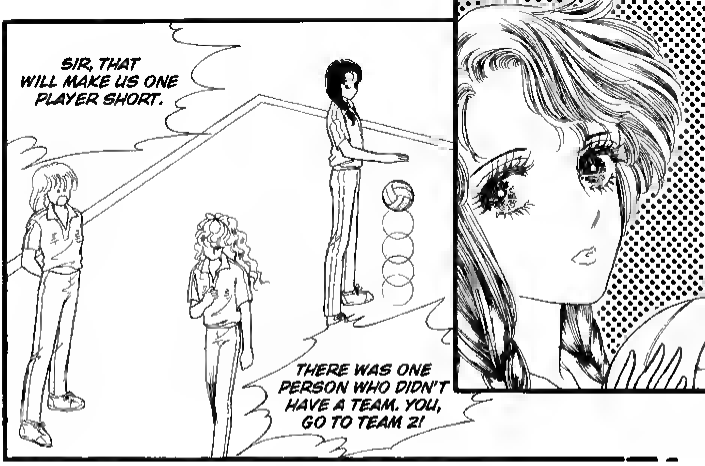
SIR, THAT WILL MAKE US ONE PLAYER SHORT.
THERE WAS ONE PERSON WHO DIDN'T HAVE A TEAM. YOU, GO TO TEAM 2!

NOW, LET'S START AGAIN!
THE TRANSFER STUDENT IS GOOD
YEAH

PAM
WE GOT IT AGAIN!
SEULBI YOU'RE REALLY GOOD WERE YOU ON THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM AT YOUR OLD SCHOOL?
NO, BUT I'M VERY GOOD AT EATING AND RUNNING AROUND. HEHE ...

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AH. IT FEELS GOOD AFTER RUNNING.
IT'S ALREADY MAY
SUNGBIN, THAT GIRL IS ALWAYS ALONE
WHO?
OH, BAEK JANGMI
YEAH, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT. I'VE NEVER SEEN HER TALK TO ANYONE.
WHY WOULD HER HIGHNESS BOTHER TO TALK TO US LOWLY ONES?
SHE'S SO ARROGANT SHE DOESN'T EVEN TREAT US LIKE HUMAN BEINGS
SHE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT KIND OF PERSON.

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I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S LIKE. I'VE NEVER TALKED TO HER. I THINK THE AGE DIFFERENCE MAKES THINGS UNCOMFORTABLE
TWO YEARS?
YES, SHE'S TWO YEARS OLDER THAN US. I HEARD SHE MISSED MOST OF HER FIRST YEAR BECAUSE SHE WAS IN THE HOSPITAL
IT'S REALLY KIND OF PITIFUL.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER SMILING OR HANGING OUT WITH ANYBODY. I'VE NEVER SEEN HER RUNNING, EITHER.
I THOUGHT SHE SEEMED MATURE. IF SHE'S TWO YEARS OLDER, THAT WOULD EXPLAIN IT.
CHUCKLE
THAT REMINDS ME THERE WAS A SURVEY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER.
I ACCIDENTALLY SAW JANGMI'S ANSWERS.
WHAT? THE LITTLE MERMAID?
YEAH.
SHE LISTED THAT AS THE STORY THAT MOVED HER THE MOST.

JANGMI IS SO FINE
THAT SLENDER, FRAGILE BEAUTY MAKES ME WANT TO PROTECT HER. THANKS TO HER OUR SCHOOL LIFE IS MEANINGFUL
LOOK, A CAR AGAIN WHO SAYS SHE'S NOT THE DAUGHTER OF A DEPARTMENT STORE PRESIDENT? WHY IS SHE ALWAYS SHOWING OFF?
WHO KNOWS?
IT'S AMAZING SHE EVEN BOTHERS TO WALK HER PRECIOUS SELF TO THE GATE
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IF A STUCK-UP GIRL LIKE THAT WERE IN MY CLASS, SHE'D MAKE ME CHOKE ON MY LUNCH.
JUST IGNORE THOSE KINDS OF PEOPLE...
LET'S GET GOING
The usual whispering from behind...
PLEASE GET IN, MISS JANGMI.
NO. TODAY, I WILL WALK OR RIDE THE BUS
BUT YOUR HEALTH...
THAT'S ENOUGH. I'M NOT FATALLY ILL.

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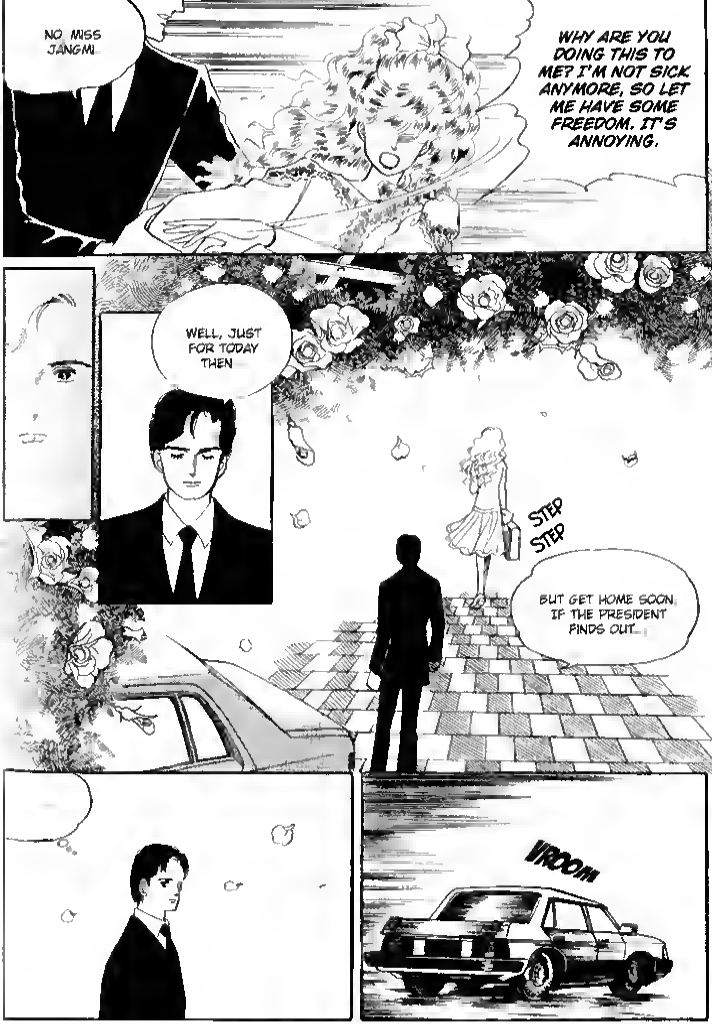
NO MISS JANGMI.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO ME? I'M NOT SICK ANYMORE, SO LET ME HAVE SOME FREEDOM. IT'S ANNOYING.
WELL, JUST FOR TODAY THEN
STEP STEP
BUT GET HOME SOON, IF THE PRESIDENT FINDS OUT...
VROOM

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HUFF? HUFF?
I barely walked 100 meters and I'm this tired.
Should I quit school and be tutored like Father wants?
Idiot! A year after going through that long hospitalization..
But...

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.. this isn't the kind of school life I imagined.
Nice friends happy laughs and..
LOVE STORY?
YEAH, HANUL THEATER IS SHOWING IT AGAIN
JEEZ THAT ANCIENT 70S MOVIE? DON'T THEY HAVE SOMETHING BETTER WE CAN SEE FOR HUMANITIES CLASS?
THERE ARE SO MANY GOOD MOVIES OUT THERE THESE DAYS THE THREE KINGDOMS ZORRO GOOD CINEMA PARADISO
YEAH AND BACK TO THE FUTURE IS GOOD, TOO

setting is the late 80s

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HUH? WHY ARE WE HEADING THIS WAY?
HEHE...IT'S LIKE THEY SAY, FINCHES CANNOT PASS BARNS WITHOUT STOPPING.
USED BOOKSTORE, LIGHT SNACKS SPECIALTY
SAMANNA
SUNGBIN, TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE THREE NOTABLES YOU MENTIONED DURING LUNCH. WHO'S THE FIRST NOTABLE?
OH, NUMBER 1?

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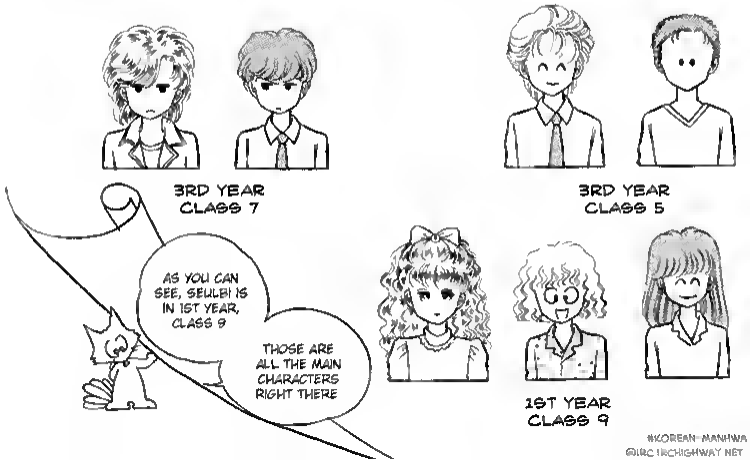
CLASS STRUCTURE OF PURUN HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS NUMBER / YEAR OF CLASS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
3RD YEAR	BOYS (HUMANITIES AND ARTS)			BOYS (SCIENCES)			CO-ED (SCIENCES)	CO-ED (H & A)	GIRLS (H&A)		GIRLS (SCIENCES)	
2ND YEAR	BOYS (HUMANITIES AND ARTS)			BOYS (SCIENCES)			CO-ED (SCIENCES)	CO-ED (H & A)	GIRLS (H&A)		GIRLS (SCIENCES)	
1ST YEAR	BOYS						CO-ED	GIRLS				


3RD YEAR CLASS 7
3RD YEAR CLASS 5
AS YOU CAN SEE, SEULBI IS IN 1ST YEAR, CLASS 9
THOSE ARE ALL THE MAIN CHARACTERS RIGHT THERE
1ST YEAR CLASS 9

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HMPH. I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT A BASTARD LIKE THAT
HE'S HORRIFYING
WHY HAVEN'T GHOSTS TAKEN HIM AWAY?
?
HEH... THERE ARE SOME REALLY GOOD-LOOKING GUYS I SAW TWO WHEN I WAS TARDY THE FIRST DAY
THE ONE WHO RAN LIKE A LEOPARD WASN'T AS HANDSOME AS THE ONE WHO JUMPED THE WALL BUT HE WAS STILL VERY GOOD-LOOKING
INSTEAD, TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK OF THE SCHOOL TODAY WAS YOUR THIRD DAY
KIMBAPS
RICE ROLLS
NOODLES
ICE CREAM
PANCAKES
COLD NOODLES
OH YEAH, YOU TRANSFERRED FROM AN ALL GIRLS SCHOOL POOR YOU, IT MUST HAVE BEEN HARD TO GET A BOYFRIEND
WELL, THE OTHER GIRLS WENT TO MEETINGS TO GET BOYFRIENDS BUT I WAS TOO BUSY FOR THAT
MANHWA
MANHWA

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NOW THAT YOU'RE IN A CO-ED SCHOOL, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT YOUR GOAL TO GET A BOYFRIEND.
I CAN'T DO THAT...
MY FUTURE HUSBAND HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED.
PWOOO
WHAT DID YOU SAY? DO YOU MEAN YOU ALREADY HAVE A FIANCE?
YES.
Y-YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT?
WHY WOULD I JOKE ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
BUT THAT'S NONSENSE! YOU'RE ONLY 17! THIS ISN'T THE CHOSUN DYNASTY ERA*. HOW COULD SOMETHING LIKE THAT ALREADY BE DECIDED?
SLAM
S-SUNGRIN, CAN YOU BE A LITTLE QUIETER?
GULP
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! NO WAY!

*15TH-20TH CENTURY

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WHAT THE HELL! SHOUTING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS? IT'S GIVING ME INDIGESTION
REALLY? REALLY?
REALLY, REALLY
ARE YOU STUPID?
NOISE POLLUTERS, BE GONE!
IS IT THAT STRANGE?
WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS HE?
DO YOU LIKE EACH OTHER A LOT?
OF COURSE! HOW COULD WE GET ENGAGED IF WE DON'T LIKE EACH OTHER?
BUT WHAT IF YOU REGRET IT LATER? YOU MIGHT GROW TO HATE HIM.
OR YOU MIGHT LIKE SOMEONE ELSE
THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN!

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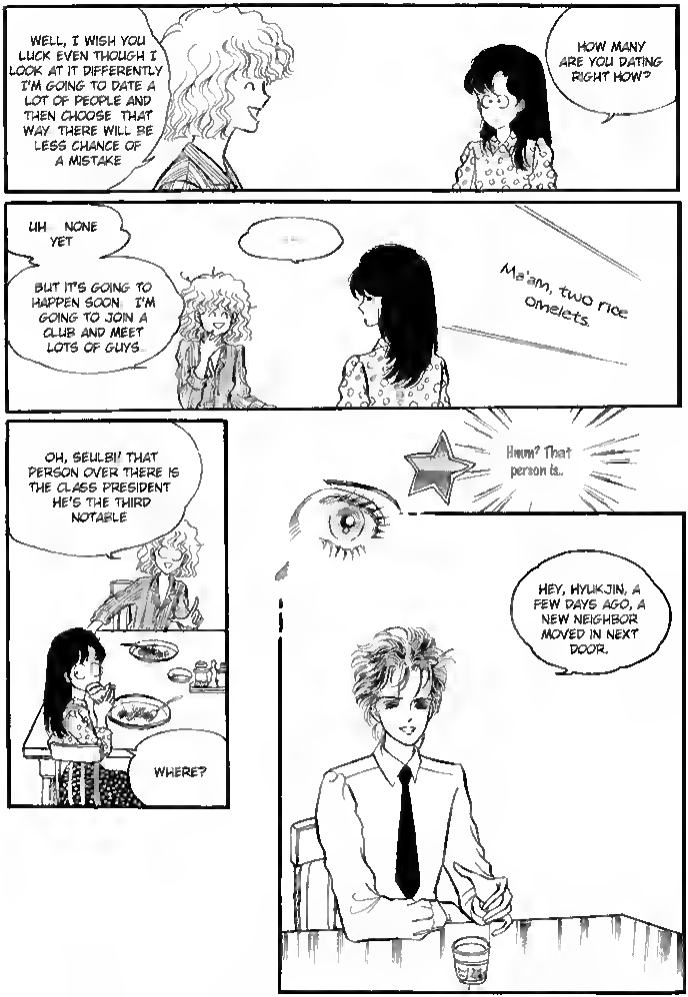
WELL, I WISH YOU LUCK EVEN THOUGH I LOOK AT IT DIFFERENTLY I'M GOING TO DATE A LOT OF PEOPLE AND THEN CHOOSE THAT WAY THERE WILL BE LESS CHANCE OF A MISTAKE
HOW MANY ARE YOU DATING RIGHT NOW?
UH NONE YET
BUT IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN SOON I'M GOING TO JOIN A CLUB AND MEET LOTS OF GUYS
Ma'am, two rice omelets.
Hmm? That person is..
OH, SEULBI! THAT PERSON OVER THERE IS THE CLASS PRESIDENT HE'S THE THIRD NOTABLE
WHERE?
HEY, HYUK-JIN, A FEW DAYS AGO, A NEW NEIGHBOR MOVED IN NEXT DOOR.

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DOESN'T HE LOOK CLEAN-CUT AND HANDSOME?
AT FIRST I THOUGHT SHE WAS A PRISON GUARD. SHE WAS USING A WHIP TO MAKE FIVE WOMEN DO MANUAL LABOR. SHE WEARS A NAZI UNIFORM AND DARK GLASSES. IT WAS AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT.
AND THEN THIS MORNING, I SAW HER BEATING THE YOUNGEST ONE WITH THE WHIP JUST BECAUSE SHE SLEPT IN. THE GIRL SAID 'MOM, FORGIVE ME, PLEASE' AND I REALIZED SHE WAS THAT GIRL'S MOTHER!
ha ha
WHAT KIND OF MOTHER IS THAT?
BY THE WAY, SEULBI, WHAT'S THAT WOUND ON YOUR CHEEK?
AH, THIS... I OVERSLEPT THIS MORNING...
IT'S NOTHING. NOTHING.
I SAW THE GIRL AT OUR SCHOOL TODAY. I WONDER WHICH CLASS SHE'S IN.
really?
PURUIN
LET'S FINISH AND GO.
I'LL HAVE TO COME VISIT YOU. I WANT TO SEE YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? AFTER THIS, WE HAVE TO HAVE ICE CREAM
PURUIN

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IF YOU'RE ALL DONE, THEN GO TO SLEEP. WHAT ARE YOU DOING GAZING AROUND? DO YOU WANT TO OVERSLEEP TOMORROW?
BAH! CAN'T YOU JUST SAY IT? THAT'S WHY PEOPLE CALL YOU A PRISON GUARD.
WHAT? WHAT DID YOU SAY?
HONEY, IT'S LATE- LET'S KEEP IT QUIET.
I'm so mortified.
Good night my Furumae.

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HELLO MA'AM. IS SEULBI HOME?
COMPLAIN COMPLAIN
I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS SHE DID THIS TO THE MANUSCRIPT AND THEN RAN OFF TO HIDE...
THAT DAUGHTER IS JUST A TROUBLE-MAKER RUINING THE MANUSCRIPT HER FATHER WORKED SO HARD ON!
I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE, SEULBI
PURUMAE

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I'M IN SO MUCH TROUBLE I RUINED PAPA'S WORK, AND NOW I'M DONE FOR.
A KITTY CAME INTO THE ROOM I WAS AFRAID IT WOULD STEP ON THE MANUSCRIPT...
THAT HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE AND I GOT YELLED AT, SO I TRIED TO SHOO HER AWAY AND I...
MOM'S SO MAD SHE'S REALLY GOING TO YELL AT ME THIS TIME. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
YOU DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE. IF YOU TALK TO HER NICELY, SHE'LL FORGIVE YOU.
THAT WON'T WORK. MY MOM IS REALLY SCARY. YOU KNOW THAT...
SEULBI...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT?
LET'S STAY HERE UNTIL YOUR MOM COOLS DOWN
I'LL READ THIS NEW BOOK TO YOU
THE GOOD GIRL IN THE GRASS FOREST

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IS THAT ONE FUNNY?
OF COURSE
I ENVY YOU. WOW... IT'S LIKE A STORY FROM A PICTURE BOOK.
I'D LIKE TO MAKE A BEAUTIFUL MEMORY LIKE THAT SOMETIME.
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS MAKE FRIENDS IN THE CLUB YOU JOIN THERE ARE SO MANY GOOD-LOOKING GUYS IN THIS SCHOOL.
DID YOU SEE ANYONE YOU LIKED?
HEHE I ONLY HAVE EYES FOR PURUMAE
WHAT ABOUT THE THREE NOTABLES? THEY'RE ALL HANDSOME
HMM? AH.

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THAT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE CHO JONGIN IS TOO WEIRD CHO HWEIN ISN'T VERY APPROACHABLE
AND THE OTHER ONE ISN'T EVEN WORTH MENTIONING
THE OTHER ONE— WHAT'S HE LIKE?
HE'S THE CANCER OF PURUN HIGH, A POISONOUS MUSHROOM
HIS LOOKS ARE REALLY AMAZING. HE'S PROBABLY THE BEST-LOOKING GUY IN THE SCHOOL, BUT...
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
TA-TAK TA-TAK

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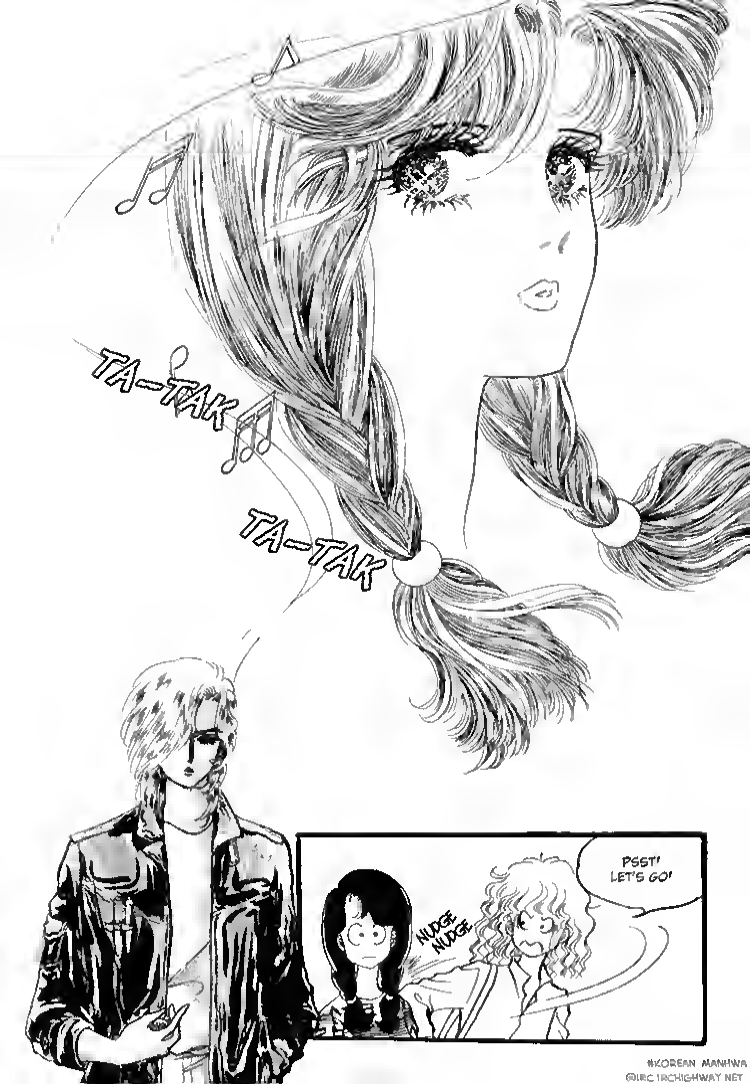

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TA-TAK
TA-TAK
HE'S SO HANDSOME, ISN'T HE?
YEAH. IF HE WEREN'T A GANG MEMBER, I'D GO AFTER HIM.
WHAT? WHO IS HE?
HURRY UP! I'LL TELL YOU AFTER THEY PASS. OH! THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY.

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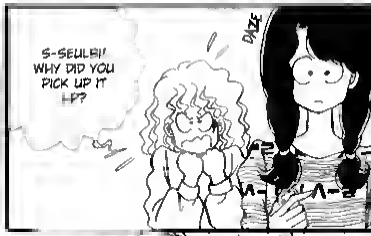
TAK ROLL ROLL ROLL
A mistake like this...
Hmm?

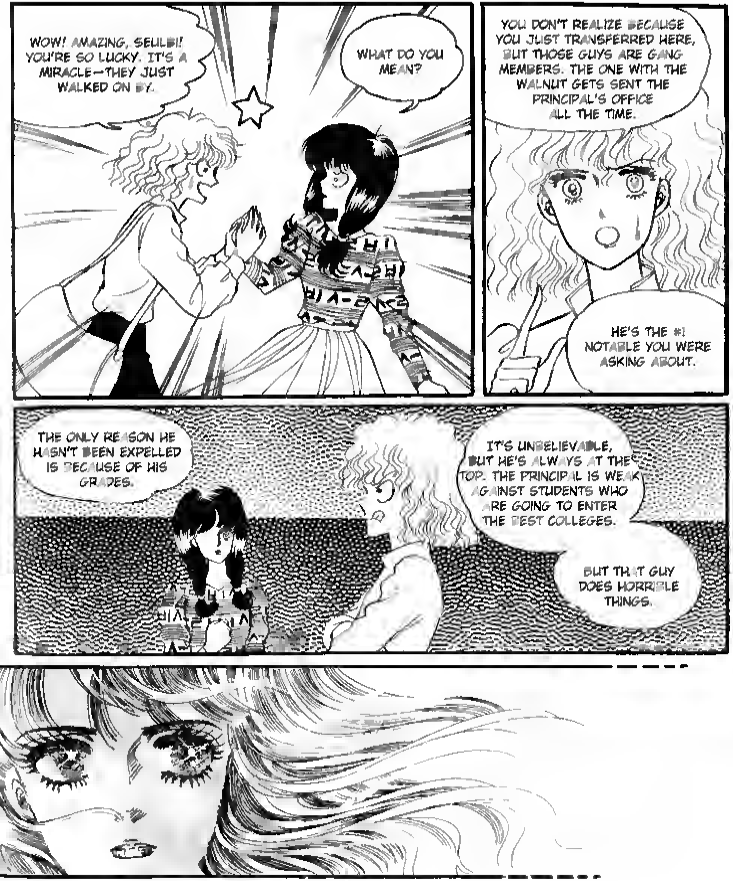
STOP


S-SELLA!!
WHY DID YOU PICK UP IT UP?
PAZE

What's the matter? He looks like a student here...

Ah Seulki! You're history now
WALNUT.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THINGS ONCE THEY'VE LEFT MY HANDS.
WHAT?
He sure talks strangely
THEN... CAN I HAVE IT? WALNUTS ARE DELICIOUS
WHATEVER.
LET'S GO
YAY! PAYMENT WITHOUT LABOR.
STEP
STEP


WOW! AMAZING, SEULBI! YOU'RE SO LUCKY. IT'S A MIRACLE—THEY JUST WALKED ON BY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YOU DON'T REALIZE BECAUSE YOU JUST TRANSFERRED HERE, BUT THOSE GUYS ARE GANG MEMBERS. THE ONE WITH THE WALNUT GETS SENT THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE ALL THE TIME.
HE'S THE #1 NOTABLE YOU WERE ASKING ABOUT.
THE ONLY REASON HE HASN'T BEEN EXPELLED IS BECAUSE OF HIS GRADES.
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, BUT HE'S ALWAYS AT THE TOP. THE PRINCIPAL IS WEAK AGAINST STUDENTS WHO ARE GOING TO ENTER THE BEST COLLEGES.
BUT THAT GUY DOES HORRIBLE THINGS.

...a strange feeling of alienation.

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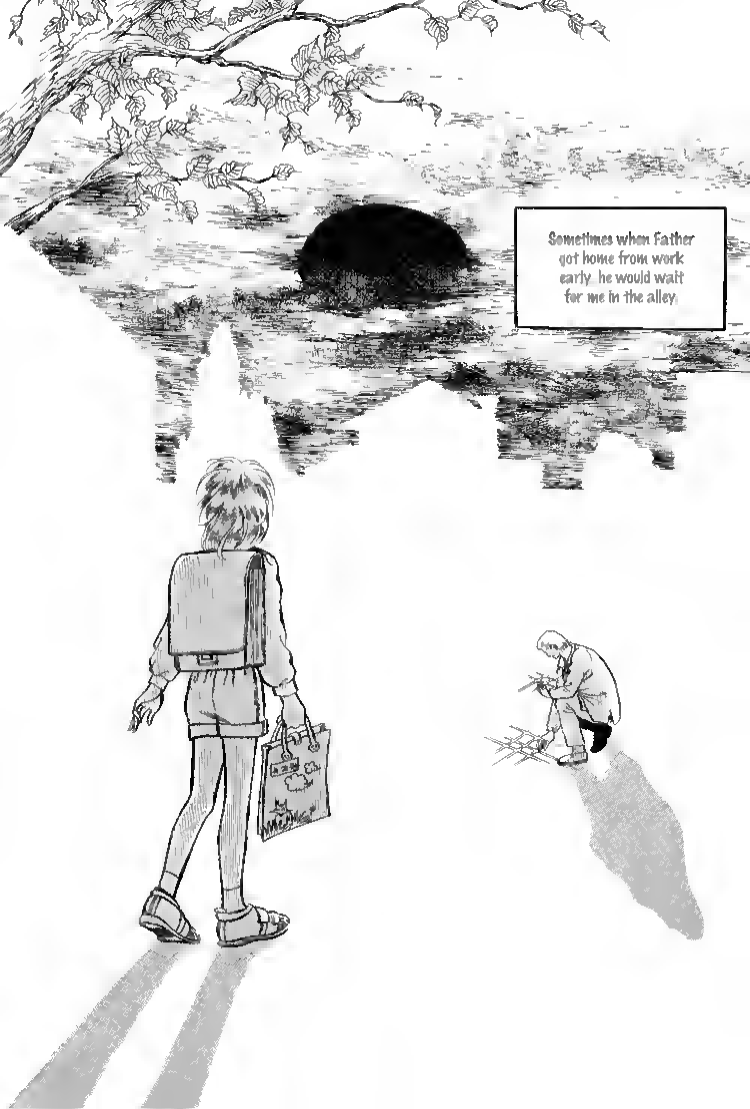
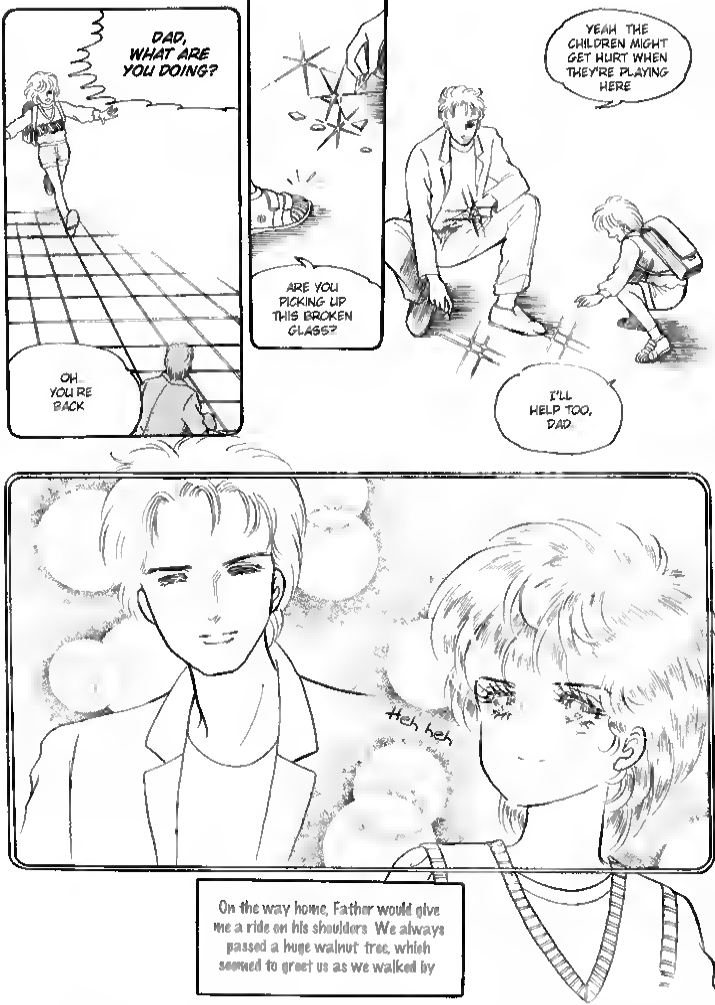
Sunset, the clicking sound of walnuts and
the whistling noise in the background...
That was my first meeting with Jiwon.

CHAPTER 3: MY NAME
IS NOTABLE


Sometimes when Father got home from work early, he would wait for me in the alley.


DAD, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
OH... YOU'RE BACK
ARE YOU PICKING UP THIS BROKEN GLASS?
YEAH THE CHILDREN MIGHT GET HURT WHEN THEY'RE PLAYING HERE
I'LL HELP TOO, DAD
Heh heh
On the way home, Father would give me a ride on his shoulders. We always passed a huge walnut tree, which seemed to greet us as we walked by

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YOU'LL STILL CARRY ME ON YOUR SHOULDERS EVEN AFTER THE BABY IS BORN, WON'T YOU, DAD??
OF COURSE!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BABY?
I'LL CARRY YOU BOTH
OH, LOOK DAD! THE WALNUT TREE BLOOMED
YES SOON IT WILL BE FULL OF WALNUTS
THAT TREE IS GREAT EVEN THOUGH WE HAD A BIG STORM YESTERDAY, IT'S STILL FINE
THAT'S RIGHT IT'S A STRONG TREE WHICH BLOOMS AND BEARS WALNUTS THROUGH ANY KIND OF HARDSHIP
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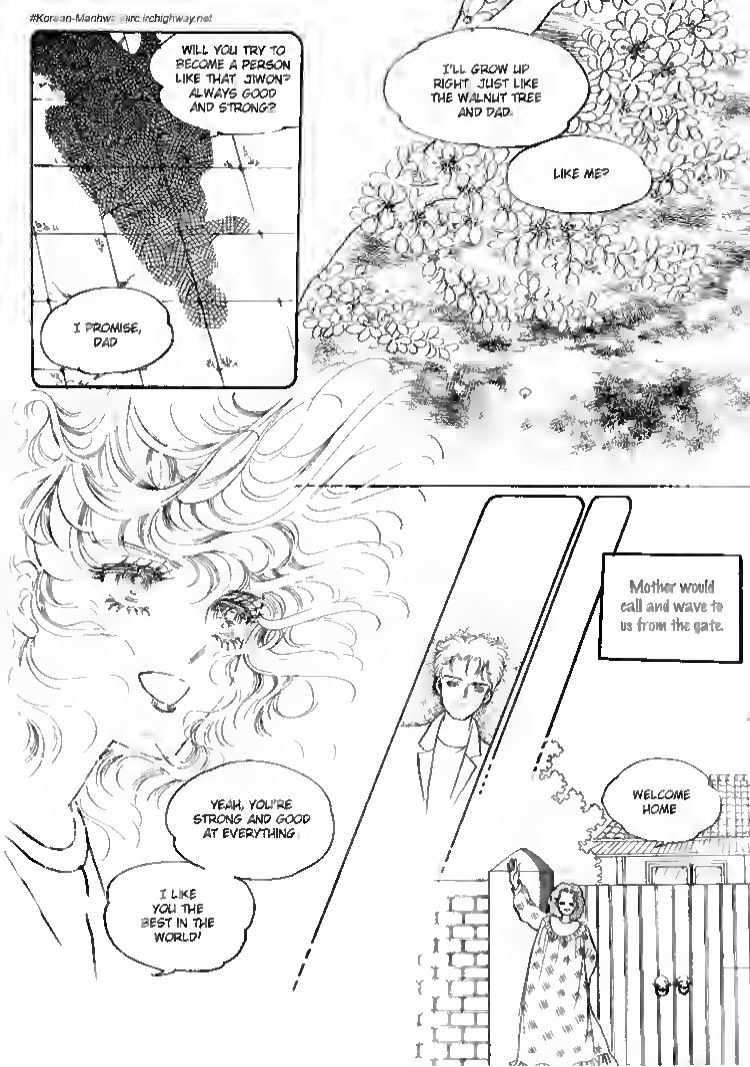
WILL YOU TRY TO BECOME A PERSON LIKE THAT JIWON? ALWAYS GOOD AND STRONG?
I PROMISE, DAD
I'LL GROW UP RIGHT JUST LIKE THE WALNUT TREE AND DAD.
LIKE ME?
YEAH, YOU'RE STRONG AND GOOD AT EVERYTHING.
I LIKE YOU THE BEST IN THE WORLD!
Mother would call and wave to us from the gate.
WELCOME HOME

My father—like a god to me—the best and kindest in the world. My mother sweet and caring
TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, JIWON!
WOW, A CAKE!
Happy days...
which will never return.
JIWON
JIWON.
HEY, JIWON.

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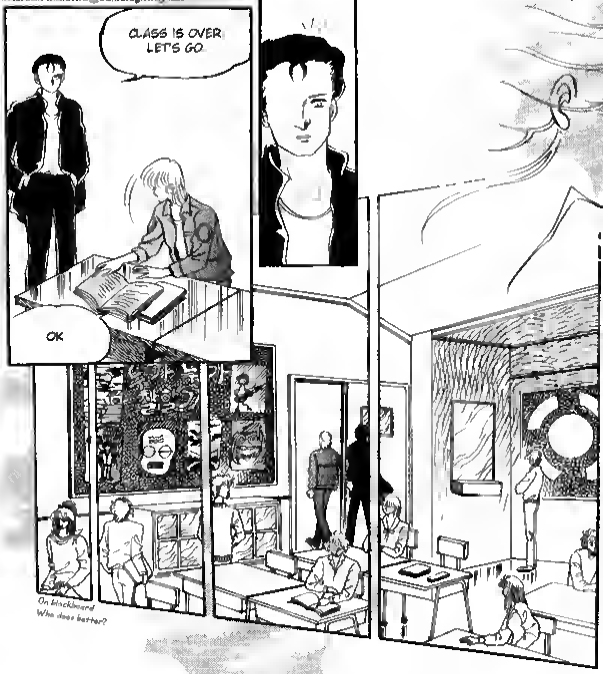
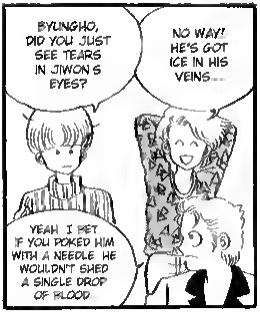
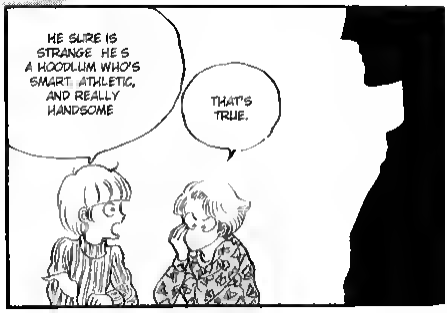



BYUNGHO, DID YOU JUST SEE TEARS IN JIWON'S EYES?
NO WAY! HE'S GOT ICE IN HIS VEINS...
YEAH I BET IF YOU POKED HIM WITH A NEEDLE HE WOULDN'T SHED A SINGLE DROP OF BLOOD



BUT HIS PERSONALITY IS ZERO!
RISE
AH, JONGIN
HA HA HA
PASS
THAT GUY SEES JIWON AS HIS RIVAL
HE COULD HAVE BEEN IN THE TOP 10, BUT JIWON EDGED HIM OUT FOR THE LAST SPOT.
AH-HAH, SO THAT'S WHY WE DIDN'T SEE HIS NAME ON THE BOARD.
NEITHER ONE OF THEM IS NORMAL
THESE DAYS THE WORLD IS BEST SUITED FOR NORMAL PEOPLE LIKE US.
OH. WAIT. WE HAVE HUMANITIES CLASS TODAY, DON'T WE?

LOVE STORY?
YEAH, WE DIDN'T GO LAST MONTH. LET'S GO TODAY.
GOING TO MOVIES IN OUR SENIOR YEAR? THERE ARE BARELY 200 DAYS LEFT UNTIL EXAMS
THAT'S WHY WE SHOULD GO NOW. NEXT SEMESTER, WE WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO DREAM ABOUT GOING.
fwip
THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.
BUT WE'VE ALREADY SEEN THAT MOVIE. IT'S EVEN BEEN ON TV.
HOW CAN A TINY TV SCREEN COMPARE TO A 72M/M CINEMASCOPE SCREEN? MOVIES HAVE TO BE SEEN IN THEATERS.
LET'S GET GOING.
HERE HE COMES JUNGMI

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GIVE IT TO HIM.
I'M... I'M NERVOUS
SOMEONE'S GONNA BE HAPPY
WHAT?
RECEIVING LOVE LETTERS EVERY DAY-- I ENVY YOU!
MY FRIEND BEHIND THE TREE WANTS YOU TO HAVE THIS
?
WHY AREN'T YOU TAKING IT?

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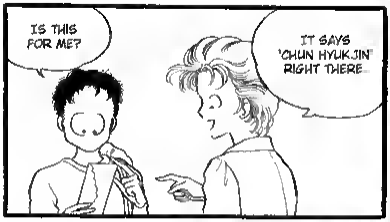
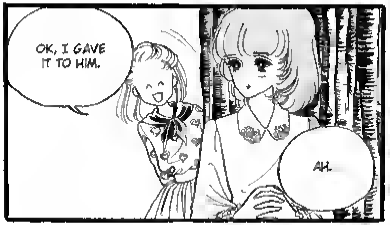
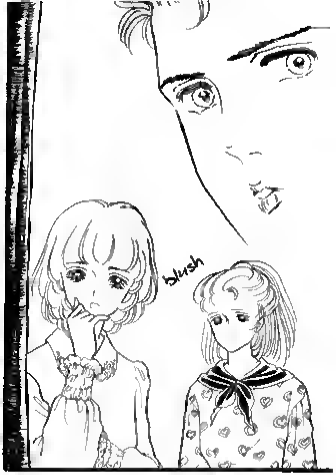
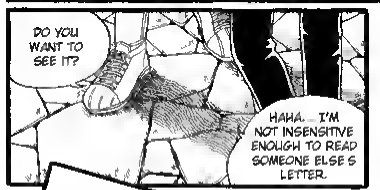
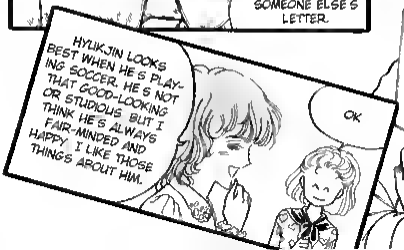









HYUK-JIN LOOKS BEST WHEN HE'S PLAYING SOCCER. HE'S NOT THAT GOOD-LOOKING OR STUDIOUS BUT I THINK HE'S ALWAYS FAIR-MINDED AND HAPPY. I LIKE THOSE THINGS ABOUT HIM.
OK
Hmm..

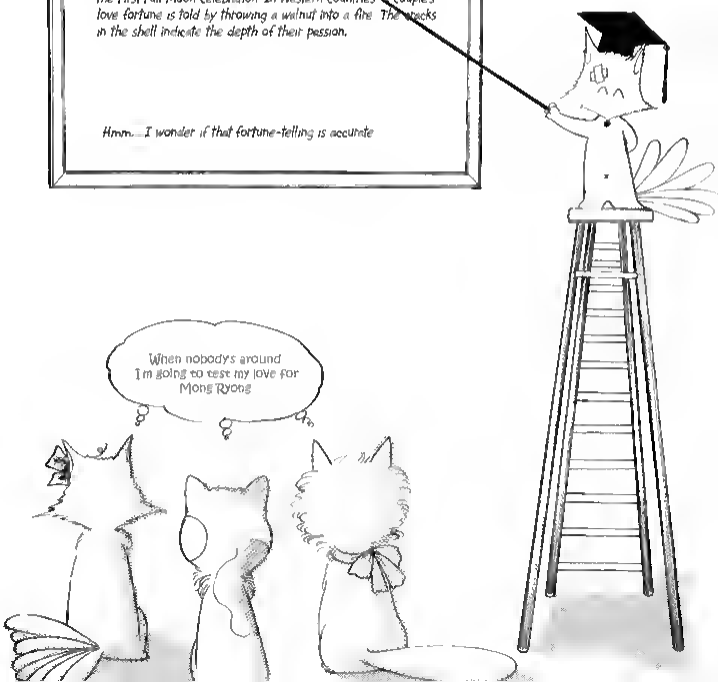
Mong Ryong's 1 Minute Class

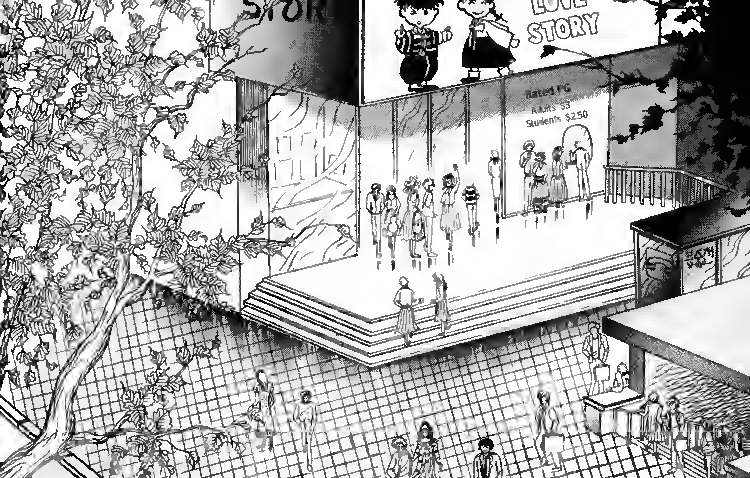
About walnut trees...

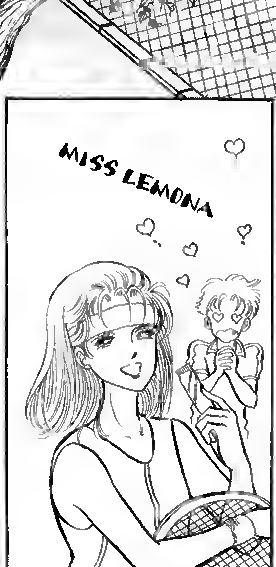
Walnut trees are members of the walnut family Juglandaceae. They are deciduous 10-40m tall with pinnate leaves 90cm long with 5-25 leaflets. They grow in the middle to southern area of Korea. The thick branches bloom in April and May and produce edible walnuts. Walnut wood is used for furniture.

In Korea, Burumkeki, which involves eating walnuts, is part of the First Full Moon celebration. In Western countries, a couple's love fortune is told by throwing a walnut into a fire. The cracks in the shell indicate the depth of their passion.

Hmm... I wonder if that fortune-telling is accurate.







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WHAT CAN YOU SAY ABOUT A TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL WHO DIED?
Love means never having to say you're sorry.

Wow..
So cool
WAHAHAHA! HWEIN, LOOK AT THE LIPS ON THAT WOMAN. AND THAT ONE'S WEARING A BIKINI! SHE CAN'T EVEN FIT INTO. AH-HAH, I SEE SHE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE.
HEY. LOOK AT THAT WOMAN'S UPTURNED NOSE. SHE'D BETTER WATCH OUT WHEN IT RAINS.
HEY, HAVE SOME CONSIDERATION FOR THE PEOPLE HERE. BE QUIET!
Good job.
WHAT? SAY. ARE YOU A GIRL OR A PUMPKIN?
P-PUMPKIN*?

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*Very big insult in Korea. He's calling her ugly

MY IS THERE NO FREEDOM OF SPEECH HERE? IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN INSULTED LIKE THIS...
ESPECIALLY BY A PUMPKIN WHICH JUST SUDDENLY APPEARED.
ARGH
HEY STOP NOW...
SO PUMPKINS like MOVIES, TOO?
GRIND
DRIED SQUID AND PEANUTS HERE GET YOUR BOILED EGGS AND FRIED DRUMSTICKS
HEY, I WANT SOMETHING TO EAT AND SOME GUM.
WHY DID YOU BUY SO MUCH?
DON'T WORRY I'M GOING TO FINISH IT ALL
JAW BARS KANGSHI BARS, NEW SNACK ROASTED FOX SNACK AND SEOUL'S OFFICIAL OLYMPIC SNACK BABY DOKEBIS

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A PIECE BY MOZART... I USED TO KNOW THEM ALL. NOW I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING. WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
JENNY...
OLIVER... YOU'RE NOT TO BLAME. PROMISE ME YOU'LL LIVE ON!
SNIFF
CHOMP
YUM YUM
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
That jerk is going to bother me until the very end!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?
JENNY PASSED AWAY

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LOVE STORY
Love means never having to say you're sorry.
IT WAS FUN, WASN'T IT?
WILL
WILL
YEAH, I HAD A HARD TIME NOT CRYING
OH, NO. WHY IS YOUR BACK SO DIRTY? THERE'S CHEWING GUM AND FOOD STUCK ALL OVER YOUR SHIRT...
HOLD STILL. LET ME CLEAN IT OFF.
It must have been that bastard!
WAIT HERE A MINUTE!
KWAA
OK! D-DON'T MAKE SUCH A SCARY FACE

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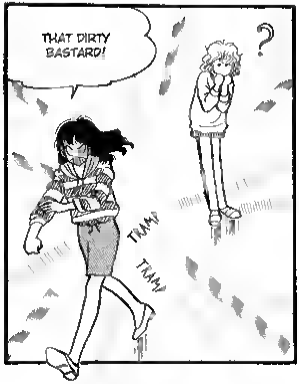

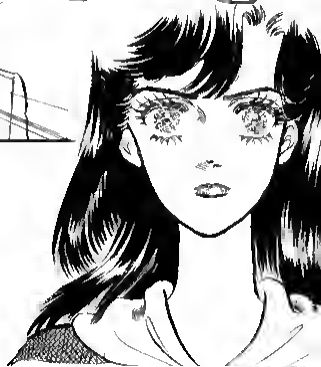

AH, HYUKJIN...
ping
I am a walnut.
Too late.
WHAT THE HELL?
HMPH! SO IT'S THE PUMPKIN FROM EARLIER, EH?
YOU SEEM UNABLE TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A PERSON'S HEAD AND A TRASH CAN WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO KINDERGARTEN AND TRY LEARNING AGAIN?

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IF IT WERE A PRETTY GIRL BOTHERING ME, AT LEAST IT WOULD BE FUN. BUT WHERE DID THIS RUDE PUMPKIN COME FROM?
Ahhh, Hyukjin!
SLAP
Oh, Seulbi!
YOU'RE SAYING THAT AGAIN? PUMPKIN?

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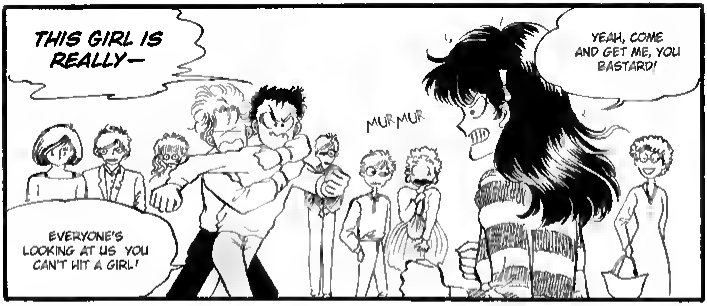

What a horrible day! The morning was fine but in the theater I met a lunatic who insulted everything about me.

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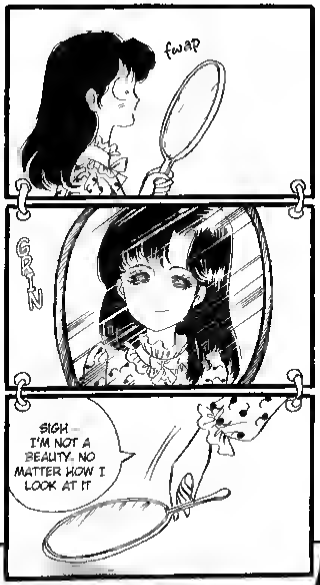
A pumpkin? Hmph! You don't know just how delicious pumpkins are.
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF COOKING
Western pumpkin and Eastern pumkins are vastly different
Pumpkin rice cake, pumpkin pancakes, pumpkin soup, grilled pumpkin...



There are many men who are better-looking than women. Because of that punk, I couldn't even eat the walnut I got from that guy

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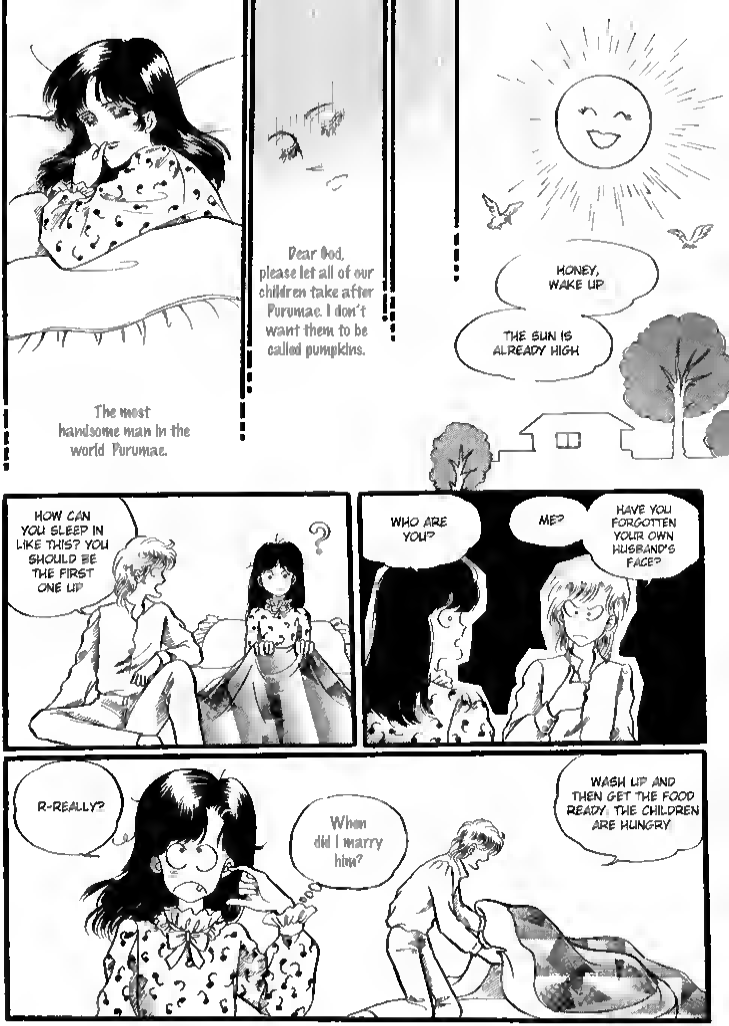
Oh I thought about the wrong person It was just for a minute, but--
Sorry sorry Purumae.
slap
slap
You're the only one for me Purumae.
You know that, right?
SEULGI
BE MY BRIDE


The most handsome man in the world Purumae.
Dear God, please let all of our children take after Purumae. I don't want them to be called pumpkins.
HONEY, WAKE UP.
THE SUN IS ALREADY HIGH.
HOW CAN YOU SLEEP IN LIKE THIS? YOU SHOULD BE THE FIRST ONE UP.
?
WHO ARE YOU?
ME?
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN YOUR OWN HUSBAND'S FACE?
R-REALLY?
When did I marry him?
WASH UP AND THEN GET THE FOOD READY. THE CHILDREN ARE HUNGRY.

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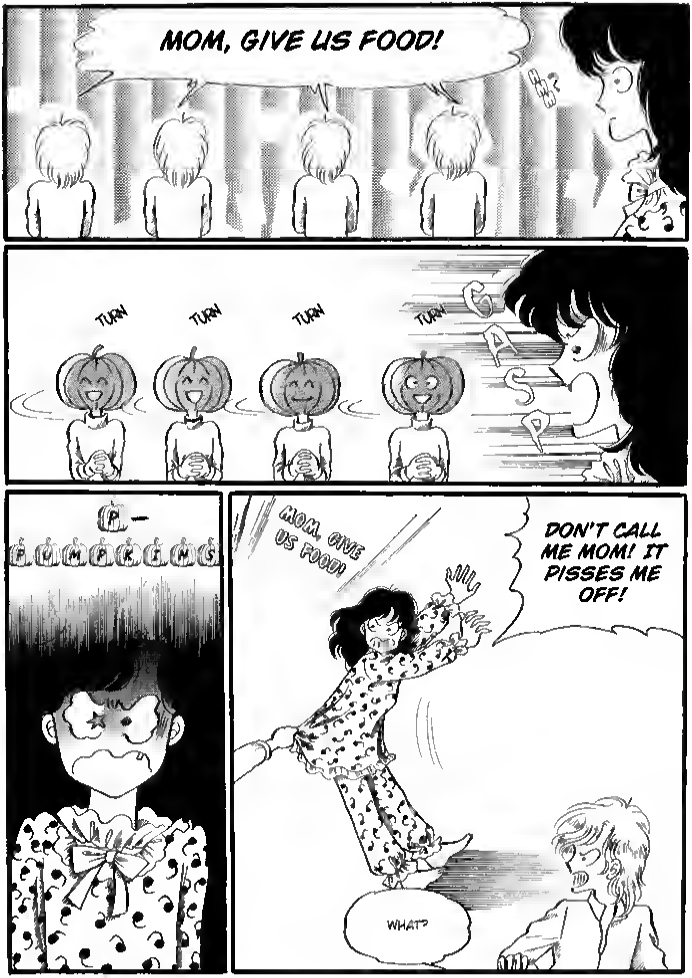

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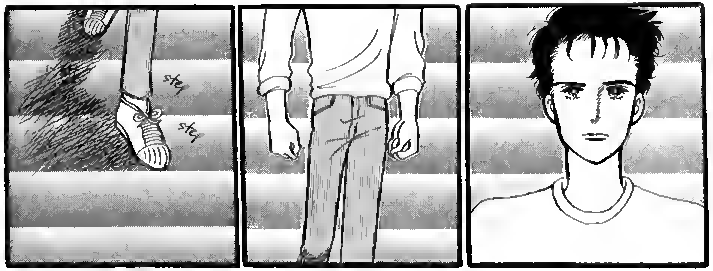

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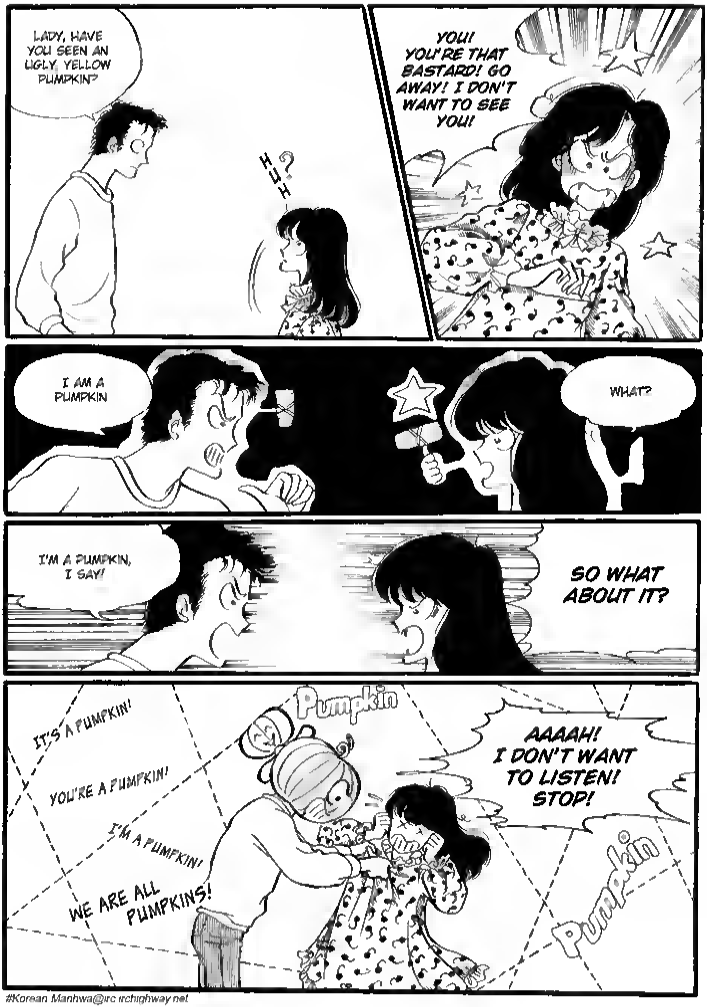
LADY, HAVE YOU SEEN AN UGLY, YELLOW PUMPKIN?
HUH?
YOU! YOU'RE THAT BASTARD! GO AWAY! I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU!
I AM A PUMPKIN
WHAT?
I'M A PUMPKIN, I SAY!
SO WHAT ABOUT IT?
IT'S A PUMPKIN!
YOU'RE A PUMPKIN!
I'M A PUMPKIN!
WE ARE ALL PUMPKINS!
Pumpkin
AAAAH! I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN! STOP!
Pumpkin

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SEULBI, YOU DON'T LOOK TOO GOOD. WHAT'S WRONG?
OH... I DIDN'T SLEEP VERY WELL BECAUSE OF A NIGHTMARE
Thank God, it was just a dream. Pumpkins. What a thing to dream about
TODAY'S BREAKFAST IS PUMPKIN SOUP. EAT UP!
IT'S DELICIOUS!
SHE'S SKIPPING A MEAL? DID THE SUN RISE IN THE WEST THIS MORNING?
WHAT'S WITH SEULBI?

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TENNIS CLUB
HEY, JONGIN, HOW ABOUT A GAME?
FINE.
I HEARD THE TOURNAMENT FOR THE TENNIS COMPETITION IS COMING SOON WHY HASN'T THE COACH NAMED THE PLAYERS YET?
HEH I GUESS HE DOESN'T FEEL LIKE IT WE FAILED TO QUALIFY FOR THE COMPETITION THREE TIMES IN A ROW
OUR TENNIS CLUB USED TO BE THE BEST IN THE NATION NOW WE SUCK
SUH JIWON IS THE BEST PLAYER IN THE SCHOOL. BUT THE COACH WON'T CHOOSE HIM BECAUSE HE S SO UNRELIABLE
HE'S GOOD ENOUGH, BUT—
THESE DAYS, HE DOESN'T EVEN SHOW UP AT THE CLUB AT ALL IT WOULD NICE IF HE WERE A LITTLE MORE DEDICATED

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PAM
PAM
PAM
PAM
HE'S SO HOT, ISN'T HE?
JONGIN IS AN ATTRACTIVE GUY. HE'S GOT A CERTAIN SOMETHING
HE'S SO ATHLETIC, AND HE HAS A GREAT BODY
OH, DID YOU SEE HIS MATCH AGAINST SUH JIWON?
IT WAS A COMPLETE VICTORY FOR JIWON, WASN'T IT?
YEAH.
EVEN JONGIN DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST JIWON
M
He didn't say anything when we were praising him, but now he thinks we're noisy just because we're talking about Jiwon.
CHK
HEY! CHEERING IS OK, BUT YOU GUYS ARE DISTRACTING ME. QUIET DOWN A LITTLE.

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HEY, LOOK IT'S SUH JIWON
HE'S GOING TO PLAY. HE BROUGHT HIS RACKET
OH, YAY! WE'LL GET TO SEE HIM IN ACTION
WAAA! HE'S SO HANDSOME CHO JONGIN IS NOTHING COMPARED TO HIM
WHY IS SUCH A HANDSOME MAN SO COLD TO GIRLS?
YEAH, JIWON IS SO ALOOF.
Suh Jiwon I m so tired of him. Why can t he get sick or something? Why does everybody fuss about him? He looks like a girl
HEY, JONGIN, YOU RE SUPPOSED TO BE PLAYING A GAME
OH, RIGHT...

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chuckle
WAAAA!
CHO JONGIN, GET OUT OF THE WAY!
SHOW US WHAT YOU CAN DO!
ISN'T YOUR ARM GOING NUMB BECAUSE JIWON IS HERE?
AAAAH!
That evil bastard He's just trying to prove he's more popular with the girls
Immature, lecherous jerk!

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BRO, WHAT'S THAT?
POW
POW
WHAT DO YOU THINK? IT'S A SANDBAG.
I MEAN, WHY IS IT HERE?
POW
POW
I'M HOME!
I SWITCHED FROM THE TENNIS CLUB TO THE BOXING CLUB.
I'M GOING TO PRETEND THIS SANDBAG IS SUH JIWON'S FACE AND HIT IT 100 TIMES A DAY. HOO HOO...
...!

THE THREE NOTABLES OF PURUN HIGH SCHOOL

SUH JIWON

Born: Feb. 12

Blood Type: A

Sign: Aquarius

Guardian Planet: Saturn

Birthstone: Amethyst (sincerity)

Height: 178cm

LEADER OF THE SCHOOL'S GANG. THE FIRE ANTS. PEOPLE ARE SURPRISED WHEN THEY FIRST SEE HIM—ONE, BECAUSE OF HIS BEAUTY; TWO, BECAUSE OF HIS SHOCKING CRUELTY; AND THREE, BECAUSE OF HIS GOOD GRADES IN SPITE OF HIS POOR ATTITUDE. MOST PEOPLE'S REACTIONS TOWARD HIM ARE EXTREME. GIRLS ADMIRE HIM, BUT THE GUYS DESPISE HIM LIKE A BUG.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: BAD XXXXXX. BEWARE OF THESE KINDS OF PEOPLE.

CHO HWEIN

Born: Dec. 27

Blood Type: AB

Sign: Capricorn

Guardian Planet: Saturn

Birthstone: Turquoise (prosperity)

Height: 176.5 cm

THE 19TH CLASS PRESIDENT OF PURUN HIGH SCHOOL. A VERY ABLE STUDENT WHO IS ALWAYS RANKED FIRST IN THE CLASS. A PERSON WITH A SWEET, KIND, PURE DISPOSITION. WITH HIS HONEST AND CARING PERSONALITY, HE IS TRUSTED BY TEACHERS AS WELL AS STUDENTS.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: IS THERE REALLY ANYONE LIKE THIS OUT THERE?

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Height: 176 cm

THERE IS ONLY ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE HIM:

PECULIAR

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chirp
chirp
chirp
clack
clack
H-HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
YOUR FRIEND CALLED YOU THAT
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? I WAS WITH THE GUY YOU FOUGHT WITH AT THE MOVIE THEATER.
DASH!
SEIJI-BI?

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Ah...
that
I'M SORRY. WE WERE VERY RUDE BACK THEN.
THAT WAS HYUK-JIN. A FRIEND OF MINE. HE HAS A ROUGH MOUTH, BUT A GOOD HEART. PLEASE DON'T HATE HIM TOO MUCH.
SUNBE-NIM, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SORRY. IT WAS ALL THAT PUNK...
I don't want an apology. It's embarrassing.
OH, I'VE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT. I'M NOT ONE TO HOLD GRUDGES.
Wow! How strange. I'm walking to school with the class president.
The reason he's a Notable isn't because he's peculiar. It's because of his quiet, effective leadership. Also he always has the top score in tests.

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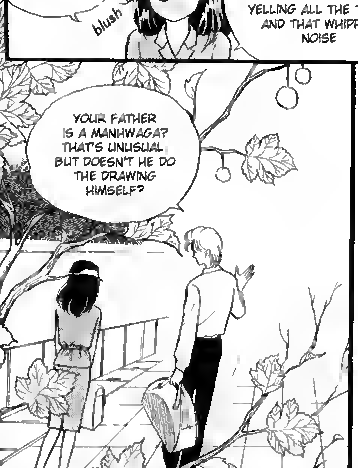
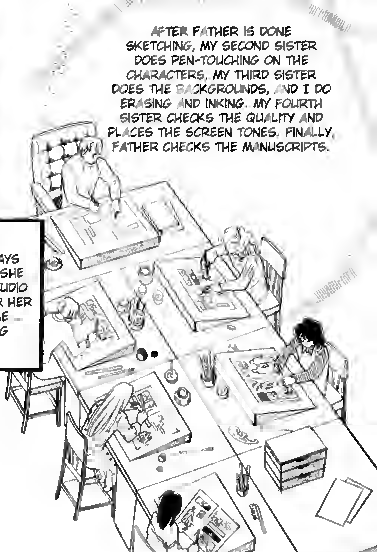
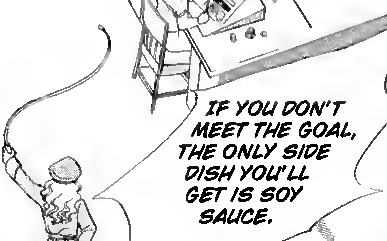
AH, YES MY MOM BELIEVES IN SPARTAN METHODS OF DISCIPLINE.
blush
MY FATHER IS A MANHWAGA MOM SAYS WITHOUT DISCIPLINE SHE CAN'T MANAGE THE STUDIO THAT'S WHY YOU HEAR HER YELLING ALL THE TIME ... AND THAT WHIPPING NOISE




AFTER FATHER IS DONE SKETCHING, MY SECOND SISTER DOES PEN-TOUCHING ON THE CHARACTERS, MY THIRD SISTER DOES THE BACKGROUNDS, AND I DO ERASING AND INKING. MY FOURTH SISTER CHECKS THE QUALITY AND PLACES THE SCREEN TONES. FINALLY, FATHER CHECKS THE MANUSCRIPTS.



MY OLDEST SISTER USUALLY PLANS THE STORY WITH DAD MOM IS IN CHARGE OF MANAGING US
The saying goes, 'The only way to make lazy people like manhwagas work hard is to whip them!'
I exaggerated a bit. Please don't yell at me for false reporting
SMIRK

SEULBI and JIWON
I SEE. MANHWAS ARE THE RESULT OF A VERY COMPLICATED PROCESS.
10
OK, SAY IT BEFORE I COUNTDOWN FROM 10.
Lethal South
Lethal Jiwon
ARGH!
9
HM. I'VE NEVER SAID THAT KIND OF THING BEFORE.
HOW CAN I SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT? LET ME OFF, HMM?
8
YOU KNOW HOW I AM. PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND I BEG YOU.
YES! PRODUCING MANHWAS INVOLVES HARD MANUAL LABOR. IT BREAKS YOUR BACK AND SUCKS YOU DRY!
7
I KNOW!
YOU SAY IT FIRST, AND I'LL REPEAT AFTER YOU. IT'S EASY FOR YOU.
6
BONK
OUCH! WHY YOU HITTING ME? JUST TALK!
5
WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE YOU PICK ON?
4
SAY IT QUICKLY! YOU WANNA GET BEAT UP AGAIN?
I'LL DO IT. WHY DO YOU USE YOUR LEGS BEFORE YOUR LIPS?
KICK
OW
3·2
WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY COUNTING SO FAST?
Whoa!
1
WAH!
OK! OK! I'll say it!
Stop
I LOVE YOU.
I LOVE YOU, OK?

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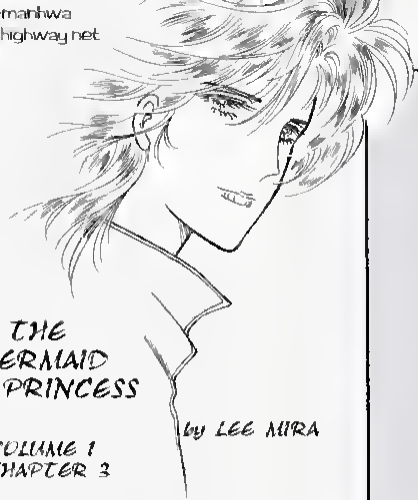

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HAVE YOU SEEN SEULBI?
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER FOR A WHILE. DID SHE GO OFF SOMEWHERE TO SLEEP?
SHE SHOULDN'T BE TIRED; SHE MANAGED TO GET AWAY WITH SLEEPING ALL THROUGH MATH CLASS.
NOPE.
GROWL
WHERE DID SHE RUN OFF TO AFTER SECRETLY EMPTYING MY LUNCHBOX?
SEULBI!
SEULBI!
BAM

WHO DID THIS PAGE?
GASP!
WHO DREW THESE CRAPPY FRAMES?
TURN YOURSELF IN QUICKLY
YEAH, WE DON'T WANT TO BE BLAMED FOR SOMETHING WE DIDN'T DO
I KNOW WHO DID IT— SOMEBODY WHOSE NAME STARTS WITH S
WHO DID IT? CONFESS!
SNIP
SO YOU DREW THE FRAMES WITH THIS RULER?
YES. MIRA UNNI GAVE ME ALL THE WORK TO DO AND THEN MADE ME USE THE OLD RULER. SHE SAID THE NEW ONE WAS TOO GOOD FOR ME.
THUMP
That weren't telling everything?!

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WOW! MOM'S THE GREATEST!
Sometimes Athenian education is necessary
LUNCH BREAK SEEMS SO SHORT.
YEAH, BUT AT LEAST IT'S LONG ENOUGH TO WORK UP A SWEAT.
WITH MIDTERMS COMING WE WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY LIKE THIS MUCH LONGER.
HWEIN, YOU FINISHED THE PHYSICS HOMEWORK DIDN'T YOU? LET ME SEE IT
NO PROBLEM.
PURUN
CLANG
3
IT'S HARD BEING A LOUSY STUDENT. WE ALWAYS GET CALLED ON IN CLASS!
PURUN
PUTING
PURUN

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whoosh
OUCH!
WAS THERE SOMEONE BACK THERE?
PURUN
RUN
ACK! IT'S THAT GIRL...
PURUN
ISN'T THAT SEULGI?
RUSTLE
WHO IS THE OWNER OF THIS CAN?
HEY, ADMIT IT QUICKLY.
3
YEAH, WE DON'T WANT TO BE BLAMED FOR SOMETHING WE DIDN'T DO.
CHUN HYUK-JIN, STEP UP.
SO, WAS IT YOU WHO THREW THIS CAN?
NO, HE DID. HAHAHA...
HE WAS TRYING TO HIT THE TRASH CAN BUT HE MISSED IT. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

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Haiwe
STILL, JUST BECAUSE OF YOUR POOR AIM YOU HIT ME IN THE HEAD AND RUINED MY SWEET SLEEP?
PURUN
THAT'S WHY YOU'LL ALWAYS BE JUST A SECOND-STRING PLAYER
CRUSH
How did she know Hyukjin is a second-string player on the soccer team?
PURUN
PURUN
LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING.
TOSS
EMPTY CANS BELONG IN THE TRASH. HUMANS PROTECT NATURE AND NATURE PROTECTS HUMANS. EVEN IF IT'S JUST A BIT OF TRASH, YOU MUST FOLLOW YOUR HEART AND THROW IT IN THE RIGHT PLACE
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO MAKE A MISTAKE
V = SPEED, S = DISTANCE, T = TIME
V = S/T
S = VT
T = S/V
USE THIS FORMULA. MEASURE THE DISTANCE, APPLY APPROPRIATE POWER AND SPEED AND
CLANK

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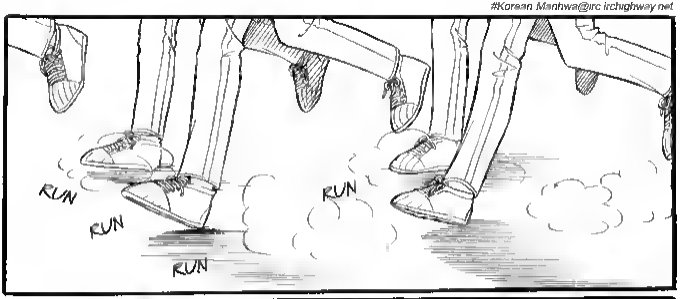

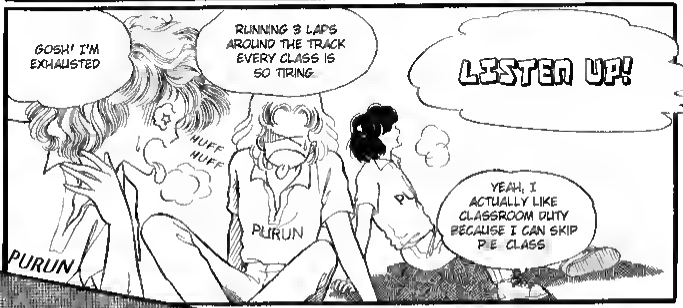
GOSH! I'M EXHAUSTED
RUNNING 3 LAPS AROUND THE TRACK EVERY CLASS IS SO TIRING
LISTEN UP!
HUFF HUFF
PURUN
PURUN
YEAH, I ACTUALLY LIKE CLASSROOM DUTY BECAUSE I CAN SKIP P.E. CLASS

FOR THE MAY MIDTERMS, 50% OF YOUR GRADE WILL BE THE WRITTEN EXAM THE OTHER 50% WILL BE A TOSSING AND PASSING SKILLS TEST
PAIR UP AND START PRACTICING

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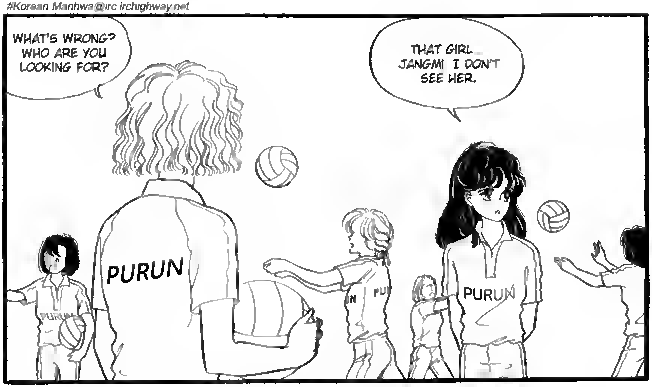

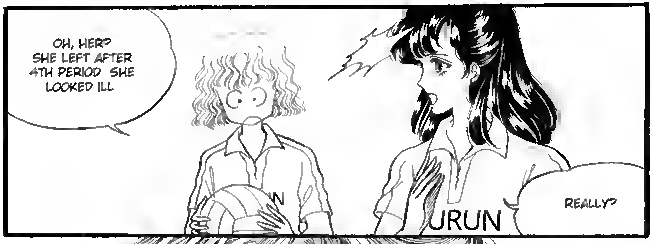

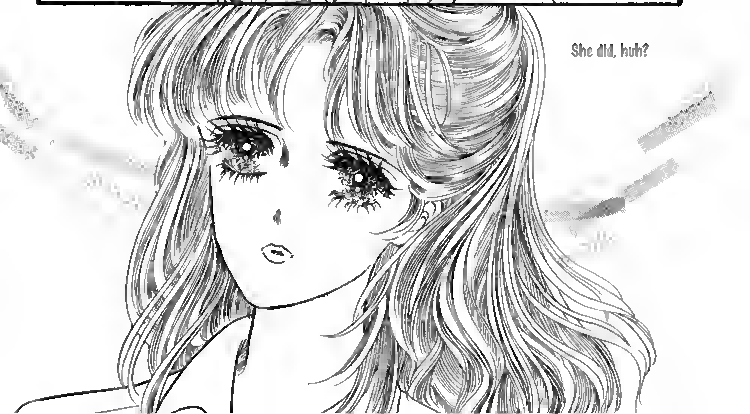

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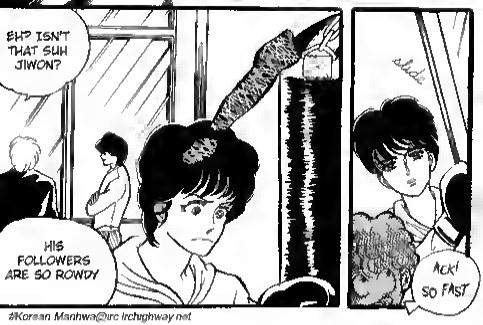
I'm glad I quit tennis, even though Suh Jiwon was the real reason.
It's going to feel so great to break his arm some day
POW
POW
No, maybe I should just flatten his arrogant face.
YEAH!
What the
Boxing! What a wonderful sport
swish
SLAM
POW
While doing this, I feel the true hero's solitude!
Ah...

HERO AND SOLITUDE!
Cool and stylish. Boxing. It's all about the hero and his solitude.
WOW, HE'S SO COOL!
YEAH, I'M ABOUT TO BURST INTO TEARS...
ME, TOO.
I'M CHO JONGIN'S FAN FROM NOW ON.
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
OH, HIM? HE'S IN MY CLASS. A VERY STRANGE GUY...



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IT'S SUH JIWON.
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
THE FIRE ANTS
SO SCARY HE'S LIKE A GANGSTER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HE LOOKS SO PRETTY WHAT PART OF HIM IS SCARY?
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
LOOK. HE'S THE CENTER OF ATTENTION. EVEN THOUGH HE'S A HOODLUM, THE GIRLS ARE CRAZY ABOUT HIM
THE GUY RIGHT BEHIND SUH JIWON IS IN MY CLASS. I ACCIDENTALLY RUN INTO HIM IN THE HALLWAY AND GOT THE CRAP BEATEN OUT OF ME
DAMN DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND THE HORRIBLE THINGS THOSE GUYS DO?
SINCE HE'S IN THE FIRE ANTS I COULDN'T GET BACK AT HIM HE'S THE REASON I STARTED BOXING

SO, PUNK, IS THIS WHERE YOU'VE BEEN HIDING FROM MY RACKET?
Argh. That bastard!
No. I have to stay cool since everybody's looking. I'll keep my composure. If he mocks me, I'll respond with dignity and class.
HUHU... DO I AVOID DUNG BECAUSE IT'S SCARY? NO. I AVOID IT BECAUSE IT'S DIRTY
DUNG!
HEH... DUNG
MAKES SENSE.
Boys' Reactions
CALLING JIWON DUNG?
IT'S LIKE THE OPPOSITE, ISN'T IT?
YEAH, JIWON IS SO HANDSOME
Girls' Reactions
YOU MORON! QUIT HIDING IN THE BOXING CLUB AND GET OUT HERE RIGHT NOW!

I WONDER IF YOUR FISTS ARE AS TOUGH AS YOUR MOUTH.
AS YOU WISH.
DON'T DO IT, JONGIN. YOU ONLY JUST STARTED BOXING.
YOU'VE GOT A GOOD PUNCH, BUT SUH JIWON IS GOOD AT EVERYTHING.
IT'S OK.
BYUNGHO IS RIGHT. JIWON WAS IN THE BOXING CLUB FOR A MONTH BEFORE HE QUIT.
1,000,000 VOLTS
NOW I REMEMBER, SUH JIWON ONCE...
THAT'S RIGHT! HE USED TO BOX!
ONCE WHAT?

...WON THE JUNIOR LEAGUE GOLD MEDAL!
HEHE
SCARY...
...
SO THAT'S WHY THE CAPTAIN USED TO FOLLOW HIM AROUND ASKING HIM TO JOIN THE CLUB
SWISH
SWISH
YOU'RE RIGHT, BYUNGHO BOXING IS MY SPECIALTY
JONGIN, YOU SHOULD WITHDRAW RIGHT NOW. YOU MIGHT GET SERIOUSLY INJURED
YEAH, WITH HIS PERSONALITY HE WON'T HOLD BACK
I DON'T CARE RING THE BELL
JIWON, PUT ON THE HEADGEAR
I DON'T NEED IT!
JUMP
?

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OK, I'm going to crush you. Hehe.
WHY IS JONGIN WEARING THE HEADGEAR, BUT JIWON ISN'T?
WHAT IF HIS FACE GETS DAMAGED?
MURMUR
MURMUR
IT JUST MEANS JIWON IS BRAVER
I'M NOT WEARING IT, EITHER!
SLAM
IT MAKES JONGIN LOOK LIKE A COWARD
JIWON IS SO COOL.
I LOVE YOU, JIWON
ZZAP
1,000,000,000 VOLTS
ZZAP
WOW! WHAT AN EVENT!
A MATCH BETWEEN SUH JIWON AND CHO JONGIN!

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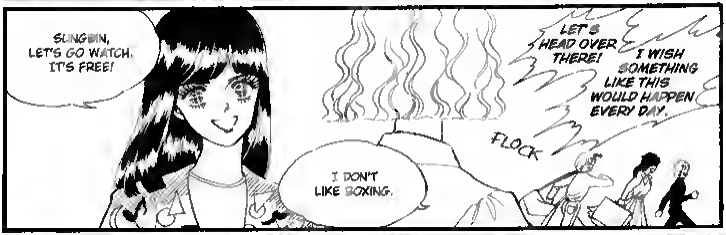
WHENEVER THOSE TWO MEET, THERE'S CONFLICT, DESTRUCTION, AND BLOODY COMPETITION.
THAT'S WHY THE TENNIS MATCH WAS SO EXCITING.
THEY'RE DESTINED RIVALS.
I DON'T KNOW. IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE JIWON CARES THAT MUCH. JONGIN IS THE ONE WHO GETS ALL FIRED UP.
BE HONEST
LET'S GO WATCH! COME ON.
START OF THE MATCH


SUNGBIN, LET'S GO WATCH. IT'S FREE!
I DON'T LIKE BOXING.
LET'S HEAD OVER THERE!
I WISH SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN EVERY DAY.
FLOCK

THE SCHOOL IS IN AN UPROAR! IT MUST BE YOUR BROTHER AND SUH JIWON AGAIN...
HEH IT'S HABITUAL.
OH, IT'S SEULBI
WHO? SEULBI?
LEE SEURI THE GIRL YOU FOUGHT WITH AT THE MOVIE THEATER
GRRR
DON'T EVER MENTION THAT AGAIN I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT IT
flash
A MANHWAGA?
YOU KNOW, SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF A MANHWAGA YOU LIKE...

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WHAT'S HIS NAME? THERE ARE SO MANY I LIKE LEE SANGHYUNG, JANG SOSAN LEE GUNSE AND--
WELL, HER LAST NAME IS LEE SO IT WOULD BE LEE SOMETHING ASK HER IF YOU'RE CURIOUS
DANG
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH AN AGGRESSIVE GIRL LIKE THAT.
HONESTLY, SHE WASN'T ALL THAT BAD. WHY DON'T YOU JUST FORGET ABOUT IT?
SHAKE SHAKE
FOR...GET... ABOUT... IT?
H-HOW COULD I FORGET ABOUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT? SHE'S THE FIRST WOMAN WHO EVER SLAPPED ME!
BUT WHEN YOU HIT HER WITH THAT CAN, SHE LET YOU OFF EASY.
I CAN'T HELP IT... I JUST CAN'T FORGET ABOUT IT!
LET'S GO TO THE SNACK BAR. I'M HUNGRY
step step
When it comes to English vocabulary or math formulas you forget immediately..

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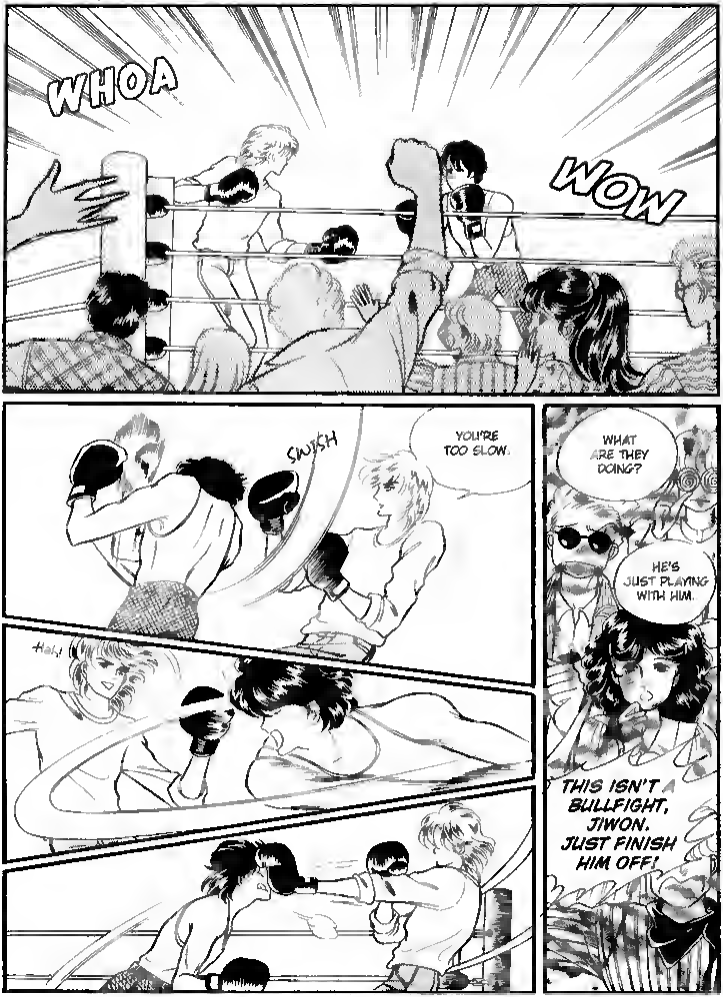

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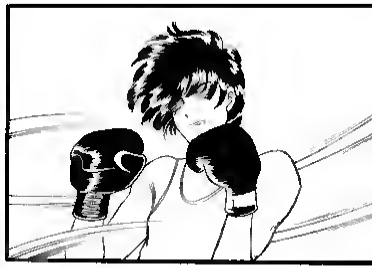

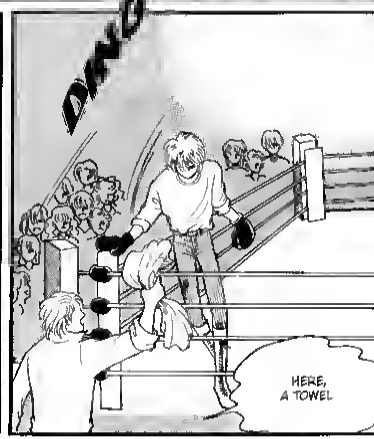

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JIWON, WHAT HAPPENED? A PUNK LIKE THAT...
YEAH, JUST KNOCK HIM OUT.
SHUT UP.
MEN ARE SO STRANGE LIKING SUCH A ROUGH SPORT...
DO THEY REALLY HAVE TO SETTLE EVERYTHING WITH A FIGHT?
YEAH GIRLS TRY TO TALK OUT PROBLEMS
DON'T WE, SEULBI?
WELL, THERE ARE SOME WOMEN WHO LIKE VIOLENCE
Like Mom or Mira unni.
DING
JONGIN IS COMING ON STRONG IN ROUND 2.
THEY SEEM EVENLY MATCHED, WHO'S GOING TO WIN?
I'M ROOTING FOR JONGIN. AT LEAST HE DOESN'T TRY TO HURT ANYBODY BUT JIWON.

I'm going to win because I'm a man of tenacity
Yes, I can win with my tenacity
I can win!
JONGIN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
POW POW POW
GOOD! GO FOR IT, JIWON!
WHOOSH
JONGIN! ARE YOU GOING TO LOSE TO A GUY WHO HASN'T BOXED FOR 2 YEARS?

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WAH
WAH
WOW
YOU'RE THE BEST, JIWON!
HE'S BLEEDING FROM A CUT NEAR HIS EYE! GET HIM TO THE INFIRMARY!
buzz
buzz
HERE'S YOUR JACKET.
THAT'S SUH JIWON FOR YOU. HE'S LIKE A COLD-BLOODED HUNTER WHO JUST TOOK DOWN HIS PREY
NO EXPRESSION AND NOT A MARK ON HIS FACE
WHY DID HE QUIT BOXING? HE WOULD HAVE BEEN SO POPULAR.
IS THERE ANYTHING HE CAN'T DO?

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TA-TAK
TA-TAK
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TA-TAK
TA-TAK
TA-TAK
HYUNG!
WHAT HAPPENED?
KNOCKED OUT IN THE 2ND ROUND. HE'S GOT A CUT NEAR HIS EYE.
THAT BASTARD JIWON PUNCHED HIM WITH ALL HIS MIGHT, EVEN THOUGH HE WASN'T WEARING HEADGEAR.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? WE CAN'T LET HIM SLEEP HERE FOREVER...
DOES HE NEED STITCHES?
OPEN

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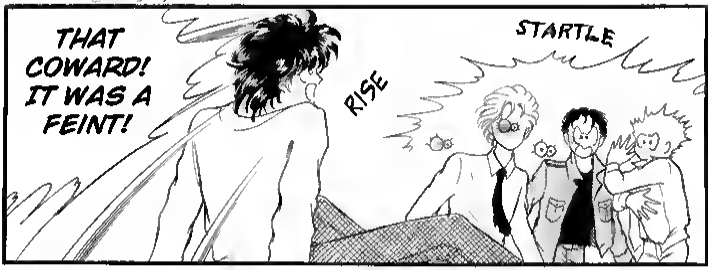
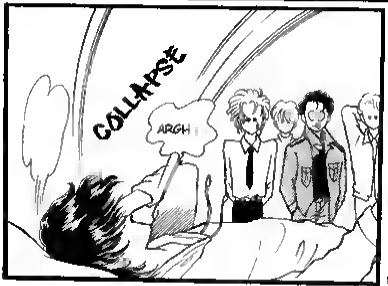
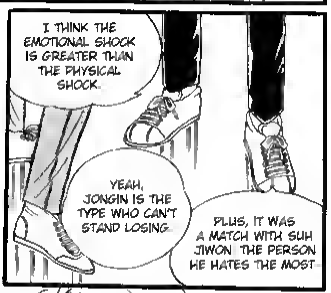
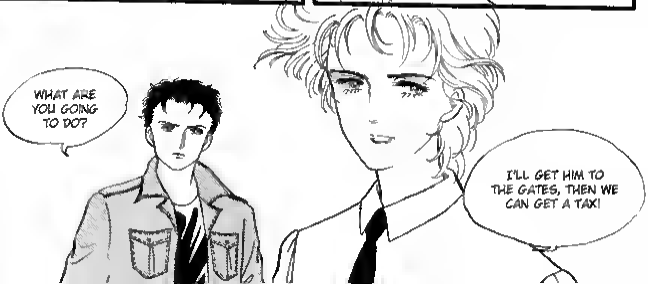





I THINK THE EMOTIONAL SHOCK IS GREATER THAN THE PHYSICAL SHOCK.
YEAH, JONGIN IS THE TYPE WHO CAN'T STAND LOSING.
PLUS, IT WAS A MATCH WITH SUH JIWON THE PERSON HE HATES THE MOST.



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I NEED YOUR HELP TO GET HOME JUST BECAUSE HE KNOCKED ME OUT?
I'M NOT HURT AT ALL. I JUST MADE A LITTLE MISTAKE, AND HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT.

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HWEIN, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT SUH JIWON?
YOU KNOW HIM BETTER THAN I DO
YEAH I WAS HIS BEST FRIEND IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
I LOST TOUCH WITH HIM AFTER WE WENT TO MIDDLE SCHOOL.
AND WHEN I MET HIM AGAIN IN HIGH SCHOOL, I WAS ANYTHING BUT HAPPY TO SEE HIM.
Astonished, doubtful, distrustful
HOW COULD A PERSON
CHANGE SO MUCH?

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AT FIRST, I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS SUH JIWON-- JUST SOME GUY WITH THE SAME NAME.
BECAUSE I THOUGHT I KNEW HIM BETTER THAN ANYBODY.
I USED TO THINK HE WAS AN ANGEL. I DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING COULD CORRUPT HIM.
Suh Jiwon.
...was three years really that long?

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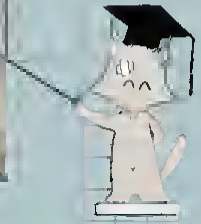

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